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A NOTABLE THEATRICAL EVENT: "THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR," AT HER MAJESTY'S.

The "Merry Wives" is remarkable for the appearance of Miss Ellen Terry as Mistress Page, Mrs. Kendal as Mistress Ford, Mrs. Tree as Anne Page, and Mr. Tree as Paistiff.



A NOTABLE THEATRICAL EVENT: MADAME BERNHARDT IN CRAWFORD'S "FRANCESCA DA RIMINI," AT THE GARRICK.

The part of Paolo is taken by M. Pierre Magnier, and that of Giovanni, Francesca's wronged husband, by M. de Max.

DRAWINGS BY G. AMATO.

OUR NOTE BOOK.

BY L. F. AUSTIN.

"Casting aside all feelings of bitterness, let us learn to forget and forgive, so that the deep wounds caused in this war may be healed." These are the closing words of the manifesto addressed to their countrymen by Mr. Schalk Burger and General Louis Botha. This document has a touching dignity which gives it a high place in literature. The Boer cause is lost, but it is consecrated by memories in which friend and foe have equal shares. Lord Kitchener has said that had he been one of the Boers, he would have felt proud of their heroic fight. "We can with a clear conscience declare that for two and a half years our people, carried on the struggle in a manner almost unknown in history." As to that, the whole world is "We counsel you all to acquiesce in this peace, to conduct yourselves quietly and peacefully, to obey and respect the new Government. . . . Now there is peace, and, although not such a peace as we longed for, yet let us abide where God has led us." There is no bitterness in this spirit; no sign of that "legacy of sullen hate" so dear to febrile prophets, whose temper still gives melody to the foreboding screech of the disappointed owl.

There is some virtue, after all, in that "fight to a finish" which used to be denounced as barbarism by politicians who proposed that we should turn the Boer invaders out of our colonies, then halt on the frontier, and prayerfully invite them to disarm. Think of what the stalwart fighters assembled at Vereeniging would have said to that "conciliation"! The foe they respect is the foe who proves as stubborn as themselves, who makes a generous peace only when he has given a knockdown blow. Now the war is over, you see the fruit of this policy in the frank goodwill of the sturdy burghers who sing "Auld Lang Syne" with Mr. Atkins and give lusty cheers for the King. "Should auld acquaintance be forgot?" The blessed irony of that sentiment from men who but yesterday were bitter enemies is intelligible to anyone who looks at human nature with sympathy and tolerance. But it must be a bitter puzzle for the sanctimonious cocksureness which threatened us with cataclysms in the name of outraged Christianity. look back for two years and a half through the pretty collection of imprecations, domestic and foreign, which have been the portion of one humble scribe. they are mingled with cheering words from unknown friends in distant countries. But I have derived still more comfort from the anathemas which consigned the British Empire to early perdition. The creed which demands perdition for one's neighbour to gratify one's sense of superior merit is neither lovely nor convincing. When it stigmatises national interests as barbarous, and tosses an Empire into Tophet, all because statesmanship is not fanaticism, it is a diverting absurdity.

This might be dismissed as pagan humour, if the opinion were mine alone. The godly, though discomfited, prophet might murmur "Jingo!" and shun me. But what will he say to the burghers who lay down their arms and cry "God Save the King!"? So far from believing that our wicked Empire is going to Tophet, they are showing a lively enthusiasm for its welfare. They are even proud to be enrolled among its citizens. How does this st ike the moralist who has steadily defamed his country, and questioned the Providence that made him an Englishman? He cannot say that the Boers are insincere in their new profession of faith, for he has endowed them with all the virtues. He cannot say they are fools, for he has applauded the penetrating sagacity with which they saw through our nefarious designs. awkward dilemma for sanctimonious cocksureness! What diabolical arts have Lord Kitchener and Lord Milner employed to make the Boers enter the Empire, not in "sullen hate," not as prisoners tied to the victor's chariot-wheel, but in the spirit of loyal obedience and cordial fellowship? Of course, there may be some reaction. Certain politicians will do their best to cool this ardour. Intrigue may strive to sow suspicion. An uncomfortable margin must be allowed for blunders. But the spirit of reconciliation has a long start, and if racial hatred should vanish from the Transvaal and the Orange Colony, what will be the force of it in the polemics of the Cape?

An able young German officer has written an article to show that the invasion of England is not an easy matter, and might end in disaster to the invader. My compliments to that young German officer. It is very nice of him to relieve our minds. Tourists on the East Coast this cummer, at Cromer, Scarborough, and Whitby, will not spend their mornings anxiously scanning the horizon through telescopes for a German flotilla. The visits of Prince Henry's squadron to Irish harbours have greatly perturbed a gentleman in the National Review, who thinks they should have been vetoed by the Admiralty. It is an interesting coincidence that a German correspondent of the Spectator hints that it is the mission of Germany to supplant us in Ireland, in order to root out Popery. I delight in these flashes

of the Teutonic mind. All the same, there is a judicious sobriety in that able young German officer, who does not seem to have included the task of exterminating Irish Roman Catholics in his technical calculations.

From the report of the War Office Committee on the education of the young British officer, I do not gather that he exercises his reason and military knowledge with speculative invasions. He is not fond of manœuvring his ideas on paper; indeed, he is seldom happy with a pen in his hand. It was noted during the recent campaign that when the bullets flew, his brow was serene, but when he had to write an order, the obstacles of English prose dashed his spirits. The War Office Committee looked into the matter, and found that, under our military system, the young British officer is not trained to shed ink. This is a pity, for you cannot have fighting without writing; and if orders are to have any value they must be prompt, lucid, and precise. I mention these commonplaces because they seem to be heresies to the august persons who manage military colleges, and conduct military examinations. True ease in writing comes by art, not chance, as a mere poet once observed; but the military examiner believes in chance. A very small number of marks is allotted to English; so the young British officer remains an embarrassed stranger to his native tongue. The War Office Committee proposes to remedy this deficiency, and others. It has taken expert evidence of the highest authority, which shows that the young British officer is not taught his profession, that he has no stimulus to zeal, that ability is discouraged by a method of promotion which pampers incompetence.

This disclosure is unpleasant, but it is not new. We live on a diet of disclosures. They are so common that they scarcely excite remark. I forget how many Committees have reported and recommended in the last twenty years, but I know that we have had thirty-four wars since the Crimea. The British Empire is in a chronic state of war, not on the scale we have had in South Africa, but of sufficient magnitude to occupy much intelligence and teach many lessons. lessons have affected military education this Committee makes only too plain. The scientific method we apply to the contingency of war may be judged by the equipment of the Intelligence Department before Mr. Kruger's ultimatum. That department employed seventeen officers at a cost of £11,000 a year. The German Staff employ three hundred officers at a cost of £270,000 a year. These figures do not represent the difference between "militarism" and a policy of peace; they represent the difference between efficiency and inefficiency. The report of the Committee represents the belief of the best judges that if the nation wants its Army to be directed by brains, it must insist upon reforms too long neglected by responsible men, who knew the truth, but were chilled by public indifference.

A correspondent writes to me: "Your remarks about Coronation prices move me to tell you my sad story. I was driven out of my hotel by the sudden rise of the tariff. In another hotel I found a room at a reasonable Little did I suspect that behind the wall was hidden the kitchen flue! Sir, I passed a tropical night, and dreamt wildly of the Equator. In the morning packed my portmanteaus (six of them), but the heat was such that I had to open one, and put on a clean shirt. The effort of repacking forced me to don another shirt; and so I was occupied until I had run through all my linen. The last shirt remained fairly dry, and I proceeded to shave; but the room was so small that when I stood back to get an æsthetic view of my chin in the glass, I stepped into the bath. This accident forced me to open all the portmanteaus in search of a fresh pair of socks, and my condition when I had packed for the last time could not be accurately described except in a medical treatise. Sir, loyal subject as I am, the Coronation is too much for me. If this should meet the eye of King Edward, I beg him most respectfully to believe that the kitchen-flue is to blame for my sudden departure for another clime."

This is sad enough; but what does Miss Elizabeth Banks tell me in the St. James's Gazette? That her compatriots, who are coming in their thousands to the Coronation, are doomed to indigestion! We have diverted ourselves with the notion that dyspepsia is the national ailment of America. "Pooh!" says Elizabeth Banks. "We never know what it means until we come to London." Then she proceeds to impeach our cookery, scoffs at the beef, and murders the vegetables. There is nothing fit to eat save in the most expensive restaurant. For nine years Elizabeth Banks has dwelt in this town, and now she accuses London as the destroyer of digestion, and makes the task of international diplomacyalways delicate—almost impossible by aspersions on our cauliflowers! It is not well, Elizabeth! You force me to recall the time when I had to live for weeks in your country on turkey and cranberry sauce, because the meat was awful. Now let slip the dogs of war!

PARLIAMENT.

The grant of £50,000 to Lord Kitchener, and the vote of thanks to the Army in South Africa, provoked some Irish demonstrations in the House of Commons. Mr. William Redmond caused an uproar by stating that Lord Kitchener had made war on women and children. It is odd that members who know Mr. Redmond's peculiarities so well should think it necessary to shout at them. The scene enabled Mr. Dillon to pose as the champion of free speech. Mr. Labouchere and Mr. Cremer were the only Radicals who supported the Irish Party against the grant to Lord Kitchener.

The Opposition continued their vigorous attack on the corn duty. An unsuccessful attempt was made to postpone the first clause of the Finance Bill until the Chancellor of the Exchequer had explained in detail what he proposed to do with the unexpended money raised for the war. He stated that a considerable sum would be needed for the maintenance of the refugees in the concentration camps who could not at once be reinstated in their homes; that in any case the corn duty was indispensable to the widening of the basis of taxation, and could not be regarded purely as a war tax; that it was levied solely for the purpose of revenue, and had nothing to do with any plan for giving preferential treatment to the Colonies. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's opinion on this point was a misapprehension. The Government would never propose to alter the fiscal relations of the Mother Country and the Colonies on the principle of Protection. At the same time, it might be prudent to consider whether Free Trade within the Empire could not be established without imposing protective duties on foreign imports.

THE PLAYHOUSES.

SARAH BERNHARDT IN "FRANCESCA DA RIMINI."

There is nothing of the poetic-idealising touch of Mr. Stephen Phillips's treatment in Mr. Marion Crawford's prose version of the story of "Francesca da Rimini." On the other hand, the play which he has written on the subject of Dante's lovers, and Madame Bernhardt has produced this week at the Garrick Theatre, is a vigorous, poignant melodrama, full of clever stage-craft and telling situations, and transfigured happily by the genius of the greatest of French actresses. Mr. Crawford, consulting the personality of his chief interpreter, has preferred to keep close to historical facts—to make his Paolo a married man, his Francesca a wife of fifteen years' standing, before the catastrophe is brought about; to give his heroine the excuse of having been wronged as a bride, and therefore bearing Giovanni a persistent hatred; to introduce Paolo's wife as a means of affording a minor tragedy (her violent death) and provoking Francesca's jealousy. Madame Bernhardt has, therefore, a part, thus strengthened, entirely after her own heart, and her fervent treatment of the erotic scenes, her passionate delivery of the vengeful tirades, especially the blood-curdling curse pronounced on the murdering Giovanni, as well as her constant musical declamation of M. Marcel Schwob's charming translation of the American author's dialogue, compose one of the most striking and picturesque of all her interpretations. Her best supporters are M. Pierre Magnier, a virile and ardent Paolo; and more particularly M. de Max, a grimly made-up, somewhat cringing, but at the last electrically effective Giovanni, who with Madame Bernhardt, do much to disguise Mr. Crawford's stereotyped characterisation and mechanical sensationalism.

"THE MERRY WIVES," AT HER MAJESTY'S.

The superbly cast revival of "The Merry Wives of Windsor" which Mr. Tree has so enterprisingly arranged should satisfy the most sanguine expectation. The play itself needs no apology: a healthy picture this of the middle - class life of Shakspere's "Merrie England" — its domineering husbands, its hearty women, its scheming lovers, its open-air festivities, its comic fools, its unctuous scoundrels — why, even Falstaff's attempts at wooing the middle-aged heroines are so ludicrously baffled that they cannot be taken seriously. The setting furnished at Her Majesty's is worthy of the theatre's reputation — no less the beautiful fifteenth - century costumes, which have been purposely preferred to the customary Elizabethan habits, than the fine spectacular masquerade with which the story pleasantly concludes. But the cast is really the thing this time. How riotously those great comédiennes, Mrs. Kendal and Miss Ellen Terry, revel in the merry wives' scenes—the former's robust style of humour just suited in the serio-comic rôle of the wrongly suspected Mrs. Ford, the latter's ebullient spirits exactly expressing the more volatile character of Mrs. Page; what a tour de force is Mr. Tree's droll study of the fat knight; how splendidly grim is Mr. Oscar Asche's exhibition of Ford's jealousy; what breeziness emanates from Mr. Lionel Brough's Host of the Garter and Miss Zeffie Tilbury's Dame Quickly!

"THE BISHOP'S MOVE," AT THE GARRICK

Neither Mrs. Craigie's usual wit nor Mr. Murray Carson's customary theatrical inventiveness is to be traced in their combined effort, the slight — nay, transparently thin comedy of "The Bishop's Move," which Mr. Arthur Bourchier quaintly produced on the last night of his Garrick season. On the other hand, their little love-tale combines so engagingly dainty sentiment and refined humour; has in the first act, laid in the refectory of a French abbey, such a charming atmosphere; and introduces us to two such delightful if superficially drawn persons in its two antagonists—a fascinating young widowed Duchess and a kindly pottering Bishop—that when the simple play is relieved of much superfluous talk it should prove a capital summer evening's entertainment. As for the acting, the real womanly feeling of Miss Violet Vanbrugh as the Duchess, the innocent pathos of Miss Jessie Bateman as the little ingénue, the earnestness of Mr. H. B. Warner as the vacillating hero, and the welcome versatility and genial humour of Mr. Bourchier as the Bishop, are too good to be lost in a performance, as was last week's, of one night only.

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PERSONAL.

Mr. Schalk Burger leaves us in no doubt as to his personal sentiments in regard to the incorporation of the Transvaal in the British Empire. Addressing the inmates of a concentration camp, he welcomed the new life of the Boers under the "free and glorious Union Jack.

Mr. Kruger has taken down the Transvaal and Orange Free State flags that flew over his house. There are conflicting reports as to his intentions, but the probability is that he will spend the rest of his days in Holland.

No secret is made by the fighting Boers of the total exhaustion of their resources. Their horses had failed at last, and they were without food and ammunition. This was the substance of a statement submitted by the leaders to the conference at Vereeniging, so it is impossible for any Boer sympathisers in Europe to pretend that the burghers were still in a position to continue the struggle.

The rumour current on June 4 that M. Loubet would ask M. Combes to undertake the formation of a new



Photo. Pirou, Paris. M. COMBES, New French Premier.

Cabinet was half realised on the following day, when the Presi-dent, after first receiving refusal from M. Brisson, summon on ed M.
Combes to his aid. The new Prime Minister, Minister of the Interior, and Minister of Public Worship is sixtyseven years of age, and, like all but two of the members of the new Cabinet, is a Southerner. Educated at a Catholic seminary, he took

produced a book, entitled "Pyschologie de Saint Thomas d'Aquin." He is by profession a doctor, and has been a Senator for seventeen years. M. Combes was recently the reporter of the Associations Bill, and is a specialist in questions of education. The Associations Law is now likely to be rigorously enforced.

"Paolo and Francesca," best and most romantic of Mr. Stephen Phillips's poetic dramas (despite its melo-dramatic weaknesses and lack of colour or strong characterisation), attained last week its one hundredth performance, and this happy event is largely due to the excellent acting of the St. James's company. Mr. Alexander's Giovanni still remains, by virtue of resonant declamation and emotional vehemence, the central stage figure; but Miss Robins's forcible; if rather stagey representation of Lucrezia, Miss Millard's charming, though unimpassioned Frances and Mr. Alexander's interest and Mr. Alexa unimpassioned, Francesca, and Mr. Ainley's picturesque but uncertain rendering of the vacillating Paolo also deserve the fullest recognition.

The arrangements for a provincial tour by the Colonial Premiers have failed, but it is hoped that they will visit some of the chief commercial centres of the kingdom.

The Rev. Henry Latham, Master since 1888 of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, who died suddenly on June 5, was born at Dover



THE LATE REV. HENRY LATHAM,

on June 4, 1821, and was the second son of John Henry Latham, one of the Paymasters of Exchequer Bills, and Harriet, only child of Edward Broderip, M.D. Becoming an undergraduate of Trinity College in 1841, he was afterwards elected a Scholar, and was eighteenth Wrangler in the Mathematical Tripos of 1845. After taking his degree, Mr. degree, Mr. Latham remained in residence for

competing for a Fellowship, but in April 1847 he accepted a post as one of the Tutors of Trinity Hall and held it until 1885. Mr. Latham was ordained deacon in 1848, and priest two years later. After the death of Dr. Geldart in 1877, the Fellows, equally divided between Mr. Latham and Professor Fawcett, gave the Mastership to Sir H. S. Maine, whom Mr. Latham succeeded, Professor Fawcett having died in the meantime. Since 1525 until the election of the late Master, no clergyman had held the office. the purpose of

Mr. Arthur Lynch, member for Galway, sometimes called "Colonel" Lynch, is reported to have written a letter to the Speaker, stating that he fought for the Boers against the King's troops with no base motives, and that he opposed England out of regard for her "true interests." Now the war is over he desires to enter the House of Commons and do his best for the British Empire. Mr. Lynch's Irish colleagues denounce this amusing composition as a forgery. this amusing composition as a forgery.

Mr. Michael Henry Herbert, whose appointment to succeed the late Lord Pauncefote as Ambassador Extra-



THE HON. MICHAEL HERBERT, C.B., New British Ambassador at Washington

h a s b e e n gazetted, is a brother of the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, and was born in 1857. Entering 1857. Enter-the Diplomatic the Diplomatic Service when twenty years of age, he was promoted to be a Second Secretary in 1883, and a Secretary in 1892. He has already twice acted at Washington, from 1888 till 1889, as Chargé d'Affaires, and from 1892 till 1893 as Secretary

ordinary and

Plenipotentiary at Washington

to the Legation. He was transferred to the Hague in September 1893 as Chargé d'Affaires; to Constantinople in August 1894 as Secretary of Embassy, and later as Chargé d'Affaires; to Rome in 1897; and to Paris as Minister Plenipotentiary in 1897. He was made a Civil Companion of the Bath six years ago.

M. Rostand has written an amusing letter about the grotesque judgment of a Chicago court that he stole "Cyrano de Bergerac" from an American writer named Gross. M. Rostand gives a playful list of unheard-of American writers from whom he has borrowed all his works. There is some danger that they will take this confession seriously, for every American is not a humorist:

Mr. Ebenezer Cunningham, of St. John's College, the Senior Wrangler in the Mathematical Tripos of Cambridge Uni-

versity, is a London County Council intermediate scholar. Born in 1881, he is the son of Mr. George Cunning-ham, of Hamp-stead. At the age of twelve he secured an entrance s cholarship at Lady Owen's School, Islington, where he studied for six years. In 1895 he passed the Cambridge Local Junior Examination with first-class honours, and in the following year the Cambridge Senior, also with



MR. EBENEZER CUNNINGHAM, Senior Wrangler

first-class. honours. He entered for the intermediate London County Council Scholarship in 1897, and was 280 marks ahead of the next competitor, although on the age allowance he was placed fourth. In 1898 he was head of Owen's School; in 1899 he took the open Mathematical Scholarship at St. John's. Among his other scholastic achievements are an Owen's Exhibition of £40, and the winning of a grant of £50 for three years from the London County Council Technical Education Board.

The French Chamber is not in the best of tempers. There have already been free fights in the corridors, and duels to the scratch, the modern substitutes for duels to the death, are numerous. Defeat has not tamed the spirit of the Nationalists, but it is breaking them.

The Rev. Dr. F. H. Chase, President of Queens' College, Cambridge, from 1901, and newly elected Vice-



C.F. Chase, and educated at King's College School, London, and at Christ's College, Cambridge, where he became a Scholar.

Chancellor of the

University, was born on Feb. 21, 1853, the son of the late Rev.

College from 1893 till 1901. For three years he held a tutorship of the Clergy Training School at Cambridge, of which he became head in 1887, retaining the position until last year. In 1894 he acted as Examining Chaplain to the Archbishop of York. Dr. Chase married Charlotte Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late Rev. S. Armitage, Vicar of St. Luke's, Gloucester, in 1877.

The story circulated by some Dutch journals that the British Government has made secret concessions to the Boer leaders is, of course, ridiculous. It is invented by the distracted persons who do not know how to explain the end of the war to the detriment of England.

It is stated that there is a school in Paris where French is taught with an English accent for the advantage of clerks engaged in shops which have English customers. The notion that the English visitor in Paris likes to hear French spoken with the accent of West Kensington is one of the subtlest gibes at our insularity that the boulevards have yet invented.

Sir Martin le Marchant Hadsley Gosselin, the newly appointed British Envoy Extraordinary and Minister

Plenipotentiaryat Lisbon, was born in 1847, and has filled numerous appointments in the Diplomatic Service. Educated at Eton and at Christ Church, Oxford, he has twice served at St. Petersburg from 1874 to 1879, and from 1880 to 1882. From 1882 till 1885, and from 1893 till 1896 he was in Berlin; from 1886 till 1892 in Brussels; from 1892 till 1893 in Madrid; and from 1896 till 1898 in Paris. He was attached to the



Photo. Russell. SIR MARTIN GOSSELIN, K.C.M.G., New Ambassador at Lisbon

Special Embassy during the Berlin Congress in 1878, was Secretary to the Special Mission to the Pope in 1887, and was British Commissioner to the Niger Conference in Paris in 1898. For the latter service he was awarded the K.C.M.G. Sir Martin married Katherine, daughter of the first Lord Gerard.

The new drives through the Constable Country arranged by the Great Eastern Railway will commence Tickets on the coupon principle at moderate on June 17. Tickets on the coupon principle at includate fares will be issued every Tuesday and Friday (except Coronation week) by one of the morning fast trains from Liverpool Street Station, including return railway fare to Colchester and the carriage-drive through some of the pleasantest parts of Essex and Suffolk associated with the great pointer. Including luncheon at Dedham the total great painter. Including luncheon at Dedham, the total cost will be 17s. 6d. first class, and 12s. 6d. third class. In the course of the drive opportunity is afforded of visiting some of the scenes most familiar to Constable. An itinerary can be obtained at any of the company's offices in London, or will be sent free by post on application to Mr. H. G. Drury, Superintendent of the Line, Liverpool Street Station, E.C.

Death has deprived the City of London of two of its most respected officers within a very short time-first Sir

John Monckton, its City Clerk, and now Sir William James Richmond Cotton, its Chamberlain for the last ten years, who died on June 4. Sir June 4. Sir Richmond Cotton was born in 1822, and became a partner in, and eventually the head of, a firm of leather, hide, and tallow merchants. At the time of the great Lanca-shire and Cheshire cotton famine he was instrumental in raising a Mansion House relief fund



THE LATE SIR W. J. RICHMOND COTTON, Chamberlain of the City of London.

House relief fund, a work which received recognition from the operatives in the form of stained glass for the east window of the Guildhall. He sat in Parliament for the City from 1874 till 1885; was for nine years a member of the London School Board, and its first Chairman; seventeen years Chairman of the Police Committee; and twice Master of the Saddlers' and Haberdashers' Companies. As Lord Mayor in 1875 and 1876, he was present at the Banquet given to the King (then, of course, the Prince of Wales) on his return from India, and proclaimed to the citizens the Queen's new title of Empress of India. Sir Richmond Cotton was knighted in 1892. In 1848 he married Miss Cotton was knighted in 1892. In 1848 he married Miss Caroline Richmond Pottinger, by whom he had twelve

Some amusement is excited by the announcement in the *Empire Review* that Mr. Seddon is a waltzing man. It is another proof of his robust versatility and disregard of convention. It is expected that many cards of invitation will be issued this season bearing these words: "To meet Mr. Seddon. Dancing."



The Duke of Portland Mr. Weldon (Master of the Horse). (Deputy Garter).

The Duke of Norfolk (Earl Marshal).

The Marquess of Cholmondeley (Lord Great Chamberlain).

Dr. Temple The Duchess of Buccleuci (Archhishon of Canterbury). (Mistress of the Robes).

The Duchess of Buccleuch

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

THE PEACE THANKSGIVING.

London went abroad in its thousands on June 8 to see the King go to St. Paul's to give public thanks for the conclusion of The visit was not made in State, but the Sovereign never enters London in a peace. The visit was not made in state, but the Sovereign never enters London in a public capacity without receiving the formal welcome of the City at Temple Bar. The ancient ceremony, therefore, of presenting the City Sword was duly performed on Sunday by the Lord Mayor, who, with the Sheriffs and principal civic officials, awaited the coming of the King on the site of the former western gateway of London. The King was accompanied by Queen Alexandra and Princess Victoria, and was followed in another carriage by Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark; the Prince and Princess Charles of Wales driving in another party from York House. Other royal personages present were the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, with their son and two of their daughters, and the Duke of Cambridge. From the west door of the Cathedral, where their Majesties arrived about half-past ten, their Majesties arrived about half-past ten, the King and Queen and the royal party were escorted up the nave by the Bishop of London, the Dean of St. Paul's, and the Canons Residentiary. As the procession moved towards the dome the band and charitaters placed and seem to the contract of the contraction. choristers played and sang "Onward, Christian Soldiers," in which the whole congregation joined. The Bishop conducted the King to his seat, the Dean performing a similar service for the Queen. The rest of the royal family ranged themselves in the pews to the right and left, the ladies and gentlemen of the Household occupying the seats immediately behind. The opening part of the service followed the usual order, and after the special Psalms, the lessons were read by the Bishop of Stepney. Sir Arthur Sullivan's "Te Deum" came next, and was given with splendid effect to the accompaniment of organ and brass instru-

ments. The prayers were then said, and at the conclusion the Bishop of London preached an eloquent sermon from Psalm xxix. 10, "The blessing of peace." The service concluded with the hymn "Now thank we all our God" and the National Anthem. It was curiously significant that during the service one of the doves which are almost a part of the portico which are almost a part of the portico of St. Paul's found its way into the church and fluttered up the nave, seem-ing to everyone who saw it the visible symbol of peace.

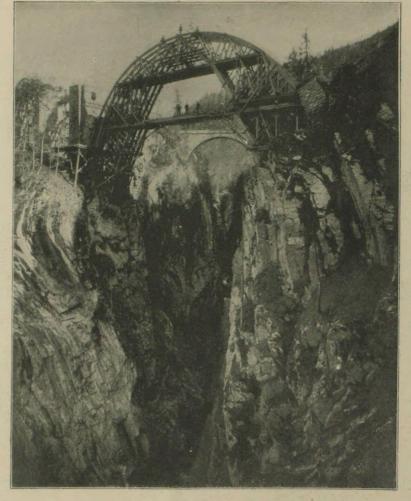
RALEGH'S OFFICIAL SEALS.

The original seals of office of Sir Walter Ralegh, as Governor of Virginia, 1584, as Warden of the Stannaries of Cornwall

and Devon 1585, and as Governor of Jersey 1600, are to be presented to the British Museum by a body of subscribers, who will receive electrotypes of the originals as a memorial of the guinea each will expend. originals as a memorial of the guinea each will expend. In the eighteenth century the descendants of Ralegh, a mother and daughter resident in Bath, being straitened for means, were helped to a Government pension by Dr. Randolph, who commanded the influence of the Rev. George Gunning. Out of gratitude to Mr. Gunning, the ladies gave him the seals. Mr. Gunning's daughter was a Mrs. Findlater Crang, of Pitfour House, Timsbury, and through a descendant of hers the curiosities have at last come into the market.

CHINA'S CORONATION REPRESENTATIVE.

Shanghai was en fête to receive Prince Tsai Chên, the Chinese Ambassador for the Coronation, on his arrival there on April 14. A landing-stage, draped with scarlet bunting, was erected over the P. and O. jetty, and an escort of mounted Sikh police was drawn up on one side



THE HIGHEST BRIDGES IN EUROPE: THE OLD AND NEW RAILWAY VIADUCTS IN THE ALBULA GORGE.

of the Bund, while a guard-of-honour of the 30th Baluchis stood opposite. Chinese soldiers were stationed along



AS WARDEN OF THE STANNARIES OF CORNWALL AND DEVON

cruiser Kaipan, was received by a crowd of obsequious



As GOVERNOR OF JERSEY

SIR WALTER RALEGH'S OFFICIAL SEALS: TO BE PRESENTED TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM. the route. The Prince, on stepping off the revenue-

As GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

NEW STRAITS SETTLEMENTS STAMP.

and also by the British STRAITS SETTLEMENTS Consul, Deputy Inspeco r General of Customs, and the senior British

NEW STRAITS SETTLEMENTS

naval officer, by whom he was escorted to a large green sedan-chair borne by eight uniformed men. After

inspecting the Baluchis, he was carried along the Bund to the Custom House that he might kow-tow to a golden tablet of the Emperor, and then proceeded to the house on the Bubbling Well Road prepared for him by the chief local magistrate. This second stage of the journey was performed in a pair-horse brougham, lined with imperial yellow plush. Prince Chên was received at York House by the Prince of Wales on June 6.

SWISS RAILWAY ENTERPRISE.

The Engadine has been opened to the railway by the completion on May 28 of the Albula tunnel, which pierces the glacier. Another remarkable work in the same district is the new bridge in the Albula This structure supersedes a former viaduct constructed in 1868, which was said to be the highest railway-bridge in Europe. The new bridge is much higher, and is a triumph of engineering for the designer, Richard Coray, a native-born Switzer.

COLONIAL TROOPS AT ALEXANDRA PALACE.

Many of the representative troops from our Colonies and Dependencies are already in London for the Coronation. The Maltese contingent arrived at Southampton on May 29 on board the transport Carthage, and consist of Major Mattei and eight men of the Royal Malta Artillery, Captain H. W. Engeren and thirteen men of the 1st Battalion Royal Malta Regiment of Militia, and Captain F. P. Denaro and fourteen men of the 2nd Battalion. These troops were already quartered at the Alexandra Palace when duartered at the Alexandra Palace when the Volunteers from the Straits Settlements arrived a day later. The latter include a detachment of the Malay State Guides, the bodyguard of the Sultan of Perak, and representatives of the Volunteer Artillery, Rifles, and Infantry of Singapore. The Artillerymen are British, but the infantry include Eurasians and Chinese.

The senior sergeant of the Chinese Volunteers is Dr. the Hon. Lim Boon Keng, who is an M.B. of Edinburgh University, and a member of the Singapore Legislative Council; and the junior non-commissioned officer of the same rank is Song Ong Slang, an M.A. and barrister. Tian Boo Liat, another member of the corps, is a mer-chant - prince of Singapore and the owner of Vanitas, the winner of the

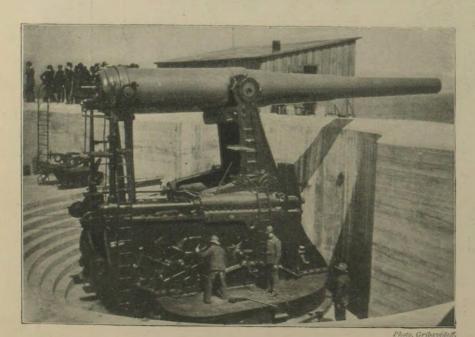
Calcutta Cup.

THE DISASTROUS CITY FIRE. On the afternoon of June 9 a terrible fire, which resulted in the death of ten persons, broke out in a lofty warehouse in Queen Victoria Street. The premises were occupied by the General Electric Company, and a number of girls were employed in the upper storeys. As soon

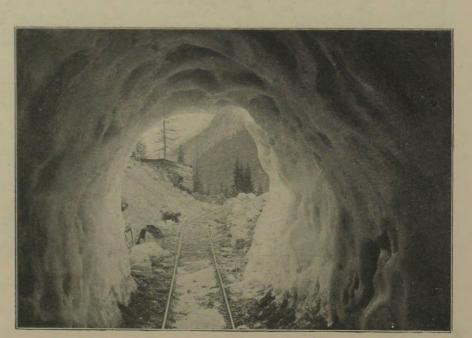
as the alarm of fire was raised, several girls appeared at the upper windows, shrieking for assistance, and when the fireescape arrived it was found that it was several feet too short. A jumping-sheet was extemporised from the tarpaulin cover of a passing van, and several of the half-suffocated girls were encouraged to leap down. After a time the terrible rumour went abroad that many girls were still missing, and this was afterwards found to be true. The bodies of eight girls and one boy were discovered, and one of the injured died in the course of the day.

NEW STRAITS SETTLEMENTS STAMPS.

Stamps bearing the head of King Edward VII. are becoming more numerous every day, and it cannot be long before each of Britain's Colonies is in possession of new issues. The latest comers are the 3 c. and 8 c. of the Straits Settlements. Both are excellent examples of the engraver's art. The specimens we illustrate were supplied by Messrs. Bright and Son, Strand.



THE DISAPPEARING GUN AT FORT SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA, ADOPTED FOR U.S. COAST DEFENCE. At each discharge the gun disapp are behind the parapet to be reloaded.



THE GLACIER TUNNEL AT ALBULA, IN EAST SWITZERLAND, COMPLETED MAY 28. The opening of this tunnel connects the Engadine directly with the railway.

THE BAZAAR IN AID OF FRENCH CHARITIES IN LONDON.

SKETCHES BY RALPH CLEAVER.



SCENES ON THE OPENING DAY OF THE BAZAAR AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY, JUNE 10.

The Bazaar was opened by Princess Christian, who was received by the Ambassador, M. Cambon. Her Royal Highness, who was accompanied by Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, remained a full hour. Among the stall-holders were the Duchess of Devonshire and Madame Sarah Bernhurdt. The proceeds go to recoup the finances of many descriping French remained a full hour. Among the stall-holders were the Duchess of Devonshire and Madame Sarah Bernhurdt. The proceeds go to recoup the finances of many descriping French remained a full hour. Among the stall-holders were the Duchess of Devonshire and Madame Sarah Bernhurdt. The proceeds go to recoup the finances of many descriping French remained a full hour. Among the stall-holders were the Duchess of Devonshire and Madame Sarah Bernhurdt. The proceeds go to recoup the finances of many descriping French remained a full hour. Among the stall-holders were the Duchess of Devonshire and Madame Sarah Bernhurdt. The proceeds go to recoup the finances of many descriping French remained a full hour. Among the stall-holders were the Duchess of Devonshire and Madame Sarah Bernhurdt. The proceeds go to recoup the finances of many descriping French remained a full hour. Among the stall-holders were the Duchess of Devonshire and Madame Sarah Bernhurdt. The proceeds go to recoup the finances of many descriping french remained a full hour. Among the stall-holders were the Duchess of Devonshire and Madame Sarah Bernhurdt. The proceeds go to recoup the finances of many description of the finances of the finances of many description of the finances of the finances



THE DISASTROUS FIRE IN THE CITY, JUNE 9: No. 67, QUEEN VICTORIA STREET DURING THE OUTBREAK.

Drawn by H. C. Seppings Wright.

Many of the persons employed in the building with difficulty made their escape, and eight girls and one boy perished in the flames. A tenth died of injuries.



THE INTERNATIONAL POLO MATCHES AT HURLINGHAM: THE SECOND OF THE AMERICA CHALLENGE CUP GAMES, JUNE 9.

Drawn by G. D. Rowlandson.

The second of the polo matches for the America Challenge Cup resulted in a win for the English team by six goals to one. The throw-in took place shortly after four o'clock, and at half-time the home players were leading by two goals to the Americans' one. The Englishmen, captained by Mr. George Miller, played with great skill and judgment, thoroughly deserving their victory.

THE CELEBRATION OF ST. PETER'S DAY AT ROME

DRAWN BY G. AMATO.



ROBING THE BRONZE STATUE OF ST. PETER ON THE EVE OF THE SAINT'S FESTIVAL.

The greatest festival of the ecclesiastical year at St. Peter's at Rome is its patron's day, Ine 29. On the eve of the celebration the clergy array the bronze statue of St. Peter in the Pontifical vestments. The costume is completed with the triple crown, to make room for which the usual surveile of the image is removed. On the saint's day the public is admitted to kiss the foot of the effigy.

SWORDSMANSHIP AND PHYSICAL DRILL DISPLAYS.

DRAWN BY G. AMATO.



THE DUELLING-SWORD TOURNAMENT BY THE EPÉE CLUB AT REGENT'S PARK, JUNE 6.

The second annual open tournament for the duelling-sword was held by this club in the gardens of the Royal Botanical Society. Owing to the unfavourable weather, the contest took place in the main conservatory. Messrs. Warnant and Ettlinger won the first two pools, and their close encounter to decide the third ended in c coup double—that is, each swordsman got home at the same moment. This spoiled their chances of winning the pool, in which Mr. Montgomerie was the final victor. Mr. Warnant was second.



THE DISPLAY BY THE LADS' DRILL ASSOCIATION BEFORE THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES AT THE ALBERT HALL, JUNE 7.

Under the chairmanship of the Earl of Meath, this association gave an exhibition in accordance with the model course of physical training prescribed by the Board of Education for public elementary schools.

The Princess of Wales presented medals to the instructors.

THE VOLCANIC DISASTERS: SCENES IN MARTINIQUE AND ST. VINCENT.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND SKETCHES BY CORRESPONDENTS.



THE RUINS OF ST. PIERRE, FROM A STEAMER.



A DESTROYED RUM-DISTILLERY, ON THE ROAD TO ST. PIERRE.



THE BED OF THE RIVER NEAR ST. PIERRE.



RUINS OF THE TOWN OF ST. PIERRE.



THE WHARF, ST. PIERRE, SHORTLY AFTER THE ERUPTION.



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THE NEW CRATER OF LA SOUFRIÈRE, ST. VINCENT, IN ERUPTION, WITH BED OF WALLIBU RIVER AND NEW GEYSER TO THE RIGHT.



ST. PIERRE, THE THIRD MORNING AFTER THE DISASTER.

From a Sketch by Dr. Manning, Chief of the Medical Relief Party.

THE VOLCANIC DISASTERS: SCENES IN MARTINIQUE, ST. VINCENT, AND ST. LUCIA.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY CORRESPONDENTS.



A PANORAMIC VIEW OF ST. VINCENT: GEORGETOWN, AND THE VOI CANO SOUFRIÈRE.



ENVELOPED IN SMOKE. THE WHITISH STREAMS ARE LAVA.



REFUGEES FROM FORT DE FRANCE DISEMBARKING AT ST. LUCIA.



ST. PIERRE: THE RUINS OF THE MAISON CAMINADE ET SES FRÈRES, THE CASINO, THE RUE L'HÔPITAL, THE TOWN HALL, AND THE MILITARY HOSPITAL.



A GENERAL VIEW OF THE RUINS OF ST. PIERRE.



THE BURNING S.S. "RORAIMA" IN SI. PIERRE HARBOUR, IMMEDIATELY BEFORE SHE SANK.



ST. PIERRE: THE RUINS OF THE NETHERLANDS CONSULATE, THE TREASURY, AND OFFICES OF THE COMPAGNIE GENERALE TRANSATLANTIQUE.

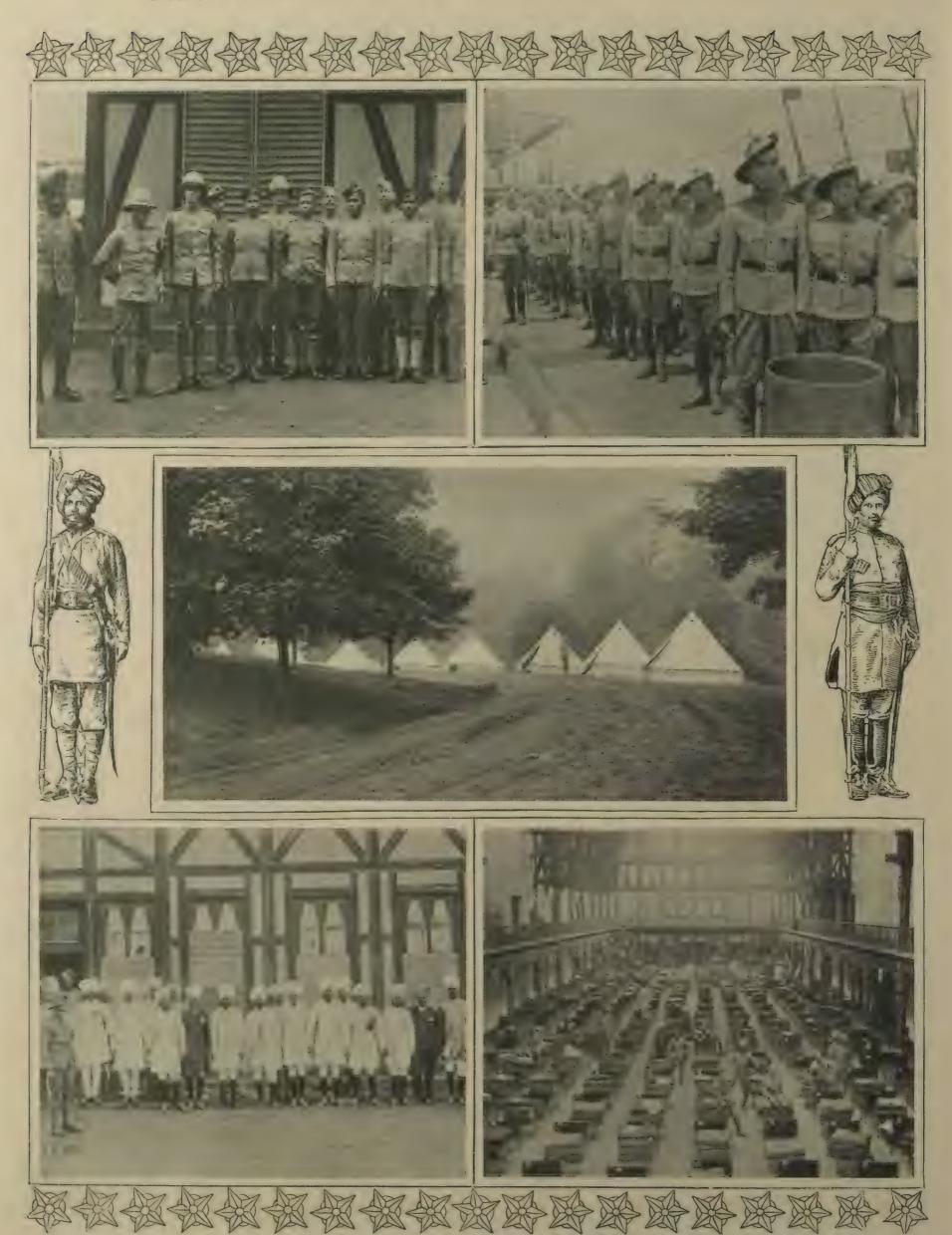


ST. PIERRE: THE RUINS OF THE MAISON CAMINADE ET SES FRÈRES, AT THE CORNER OF PLACE BERTIN, RUE L'HÔPITAL, AND RUE VICTOR HUGO.



THE CONSECRATION OF A QUEEN CONSORT: MARY OF MODENA CROWNED AT WESTMINSTER BY SANCROFT, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, APRIL 23, 1085.

CORONATION GUESTS AT ALEXANDRA PALACE CAMP.



STRAITS SETTLEMENTS VOLUNTEERS AND REGULARS.

SINGAPORE VOLUNTEERS: ON EXTREME RIGHT IS TAN BOO LIAT, WHOSE HORSE WON THE CALCUTTA CUP.

OFFICERS' CAMP OF THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS CONTINGENT.

SIRHS AND BENGALESE IN WALKING-OUT DRESS.

SLEFPING-QUARTERS OF THE SIKHS AND BENGALESE IN THE BANQUETING-HALL.

THE PEACE THANKSGIVING AT ST. PAUL'S, JUNE 8.



ARRIVAL OF KING EDWARD AND QUEEN ALEXANDRA AT THE CATHEDRAL.



THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES LEAVING THE CATHEDRAL.



KING EDWARD'S FIRST CEREMONIAL ENTRY INTO THE CITY: THE LORD MAYOR PRESENTING THE CIVIC SWORD AT TEMPLE BAR.

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Survey Cricket. Edited by Lord Alverstone, L.C.J., and C. W. Alcock. (London: Longmans. 10s.)

The Barbaraan Invasious of Italy. By Pasquale Villari. (London: Fisher Unwin. 12s.)

The title of Mr. Belloc's book may lead some people to think that he is a theologian. This would be a quaint mishap, for "The Path to Rome" is really a whimsical account of a sentimental journey on foot from Mr. Belloc's own valley in Lorraine to St. Peter's. As a writer, Mr. Belloc owes something to Rabelais and something to Stevenson; but his temperament is original; he has imagination and humour, and just that degree of self-esteem which makes the difference between attractive independence and conceit. He can afford to make light of the "higglers and sticklers" who write what they suppose to be "style," for his own prose answers his demand for "healthy, hearty, straightforward English." "Oh, for Cobbett!" he cries. That is an error of judgment. Cobbett wrote straightforward English, but he meat. Cobbett wrote straightforward English, but he was narrow and intolerant. Mr. Belloc's account of the people he met on his way to Rome shows a genuine sympathy with all sorts and conditions of men. He has been a driver in the French artillery, and so he speaks pleasantly of soldiers, even of our own. He has had much experience of bakers, and regards them as the best of civilians. He met a gloomy peasant with a gigantic barrel of wine. The peasant thought it the finest vintage of the country, and asked a price nobody would pay. Self-respect would not let him sell for less, so he gave it away to the soldiers who stood reverently in a line and passed their mugs along. Mr. Belloc has an eye for all the humours that may be going. He can imitate the boisterous fun of Rabelais very deftly He can imitate the boisterous fun of Rabelais very deftly and quite innocently, and his mood for digression chimes invariably with the mood of the reader. In fine, Mr. Belloc has a real turn for literature, together with the gift of interesting readers who may not be literary. What more can a man desire in this wilderness of books which are neither literary nor interesting?

Those captious critics who professed to have discovered signs of deterioration in Bret Harte's more recent work will be woefully disappointed with "On the Old Trail." The nine stories now issued in book form indicate neither weakening imagination nor waning form indicate neither weakening imagination nor waning art. Bret Harte was no mere maker of books, no reviver of old ideas, picking others' brains with as much unscrupulousness, if with less skill, than the professional picker of pockets; and his latest stories are "on the old trail" only in that they deal with the types of human nature and with the country he has made peculiarly his own. No old-time, painted author will need to emerge from his frame, with the cry of "Thief! thief!" to claim his rifled property and to expose a real self of shreds and tatters. Everyone, even the reader absolutely untainted with what Macaulay aptly termed the "Lues Boswelliana, or disease of admiration," must admit the masterliness of the work) Imagination awakening imagination leads the reader into delightful awakening imagination leads the reader into delightful awakening imagination leads the reader into delightful by-paths of the mind, and reveals fresh truths and fresh beauties on either hand. There is no need in this Journal to refer to "A Mercury of the Foothills" and "The Landlord of the Big Flume Hotel"; of the remaining stories it is worth a note in passing that the grandiose Colonel Starbottle is the central figure of one of them, and that "The Re-Incarnation of Smith" will claim attention for the ingenuity

claim attention for the ingenuity of its plot. "The Goddess of Excelsior" is perhaps the most characteristic, and consequently the best story in the volume. The scene is laid on Sycamore Creek, where a hotel is the first building of a mushroom city, and the Goddess is a dress-maker's dummy, which, with two Parisian frocks, has arrived among the little mining community in place of a statue typifying California — "the figger of a mighty pretty girl, in them spirit clothes they allus wear, holding a divinin' rod for findin' gold afore her in one hand; in the other hand a branch o' thorns, out of sight. The idea bein' — don't you see? — that blamed old 'fortyniners like us, or ordinary green-horns, ain't allowed to see the difficulties they've difficulties they've got to go through before reaching a strike"—intended for a pedestal in the hall of the hotel. reveal the plot here would be to

discount the pleasure it will assuredly afford; but it may be said that the tale of the rough prospectors' worship of this strange Goddess is told in inimitable fashion.

"North, South, and Over the Sea" is a volume of short stories by Mrs. M. E. Francis. North is Lancashire, South is "Darset," and Over the Sea, of course, is the Emerald Isle. Mrs. Francis is a "Kailyarder" (we use the word in a respectful sense) with a variety of "kailyards"—in other words, she has a receptive eye for the local idiosyncrasies and humours of the country-sides which she knows and an onthusingtic integrate. sides which she knows, and an enthusiastic interest in them. One of the chapters in the section "North" is not a story at all, but an inquiry, illustrated by many amusing anecdotes, into the quality of the impressibility of the Lancashire peasant. When the material for short-story

writing is deliberately sought in country humours, distinction is rarely the result, and Mrs. Francis's tales lack dis-On the other hand, almost every one of them is justified by an odd and humorous motive, to which there is added in some a quiet and graceful sentiment. "Th' Owdest Member," "Heather in Holborn," "Brother John," "The Girl he Left Behind Him," are perhaps the best—for the stories "Over the Sea" do not strike us as



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being nearly so successful as those of Lancashire and Dorset. We ought to add that the book is happily illustrated by Mr. H. M. Brock.

Miss Grier has written more than one series of semi-historical romances, and "The Prince of the Captivity" belongs to one of them, though no small erudition is belongs to one of them, though no small erudition is needed to define its exact place. We have met some of the characters in the present narrative before, but cannot exactly say where. Miss Grier has written a "Balkan Series," and they are probably in that. Royal blood runs freely through her pages, and takes some eccentric channels. An American manufacturer is really an Archduke, and is murdered by an Anarchist who mistakes him for his Archducal brother. His daughter, after some love passages with an English nobleman, prefers King Michael of Thracia. Michael loves her dearly, but states his position in these dignified loves her dearly, but states his position in these dignified terms: "I am a son of the house of Schwarzald-Molzau, and we do not mingle the blood of Charlemagne with that of manufacturers." As the American girl is really the daughter of an Archduke, the susceptibilities of the King of Thracia are eventually appeared. If the

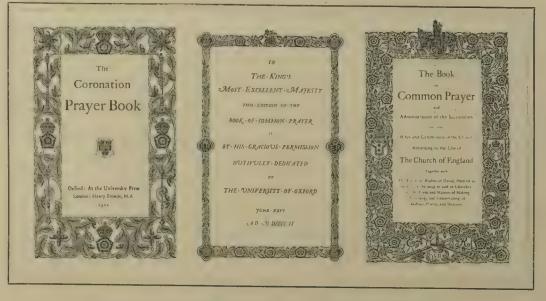
very interesting company. Mr. Garratt, who persecuted Margaret with his attentions, is a lineal descendant of Mr. Guppy, the solicitor's clerk in "Bleak House." Mrs. Lakeman and her daughter Lena are clever sketches of scheming women, but they are superficial, and we are tired of the Lakemans before the author has done with them. Margaret's lover, Tom, is merely a suggestion of high spirits; and how Mrs. Clifford could have thought it worth while to introduce such a feeligh spirits; height as the country of the count foolish, aimless being as Sir George Stringer we have no idea. Margaret's father is a shadowy person, and his voyage to Australia to see his brother is an awkward makeshift. The story, indeed, is a series of makeshifts rather than a natural development. With all its defects, however, it is vastly superior to the mass of fiction that cumbers the earth, and it has many touches which recall the best work of an eccentralish ad written. which recall the best work of an accomplished writer.

In a handsome volume, half-a-dozen hands have done for "Surrey Cricket" what Mr. Philip Norman did for Kent cricket a few years ago. As a prominent nursery of the game, Surrey was well entitled to the honour of a cricket-book all to herself, and she has been fortunate in her historians, Lord Alverstone, Mr. Alcock, and their contributors having put together. and their contributors having put together a treatise of great interest, not only to Surrey cricketers, but to players all the world over. Inasmuch as the game has been popular in the county for a couple of centuries, the tale of matches is not complete, but the records of scores are sufficiently ample to lend the book value as an additional to the history of cricket and utility as a work of reference to the history of cricket and utility as a work of reference on the game in our own time. It must be gratifying to all Surrey cricketers to observe how closely their to all Surrey cricketers to observe how closely their county has been identified with the progress of the game. The unfortunate Prince Frederick of Wales, who died in 1751 from the effects of a blow from a cricket-ball, and whose devotion to the game made it at once fashionable and popular, "was the head and right arm of Surrey cricket" in his day, and his influence for good was permanent. Surrey players have more than once been instrumental in bringing about new laws of cricket or in procuring needful alterations in existing laws—on occasion, it must be added, by "slimness." As when Thomas White appeared at Hambledon "with a bat as wide as the stumps," and the extravagant weapon was shaved down on the spot: the law limiting the width of the bat was made as a direct consequence of the incident. It was the sensational scene at the Oval in August 1862 when Lillywhite no-balled Willsher, bowling for England against Surrey, which brought about a change in Law X., concerning the height to which the bowler might raise his arm. We dare not attempt a glance at the long roll of famous names associated with Surrey cricket, much less at the brilliant performances at the Oval, since the County Club came into existence in 1845. Though scorenew laws of cricket or in procuring needful alterations in County Club came into existence in 1845. Though score-sheets, of necessity, bulk large, the writers of the several sections find space for a vast quantity of interesting and amusing anecdote concerning ancient and modern cricket celebrities, and are to be congratulated on having put together a book at once entertaining and useful.

In his preface to "The Barbarian Invasions of Italy," Professor Villari regrets the absence in his country of good books by native writers on ancient, mediæval, or good books by native writers on ancient, mediæval, or modern Italy, remarking that the best works are by foreign authors. For the Italian public a series of volumes dealing with periods of the country's life is being published from Milan, and Professor Villari's contribution to the series lies before us. At first sight it seems unnecessary to add to the list of popular Italian histories, and if Italy has need of them it might be suggested that they are superfluous in England. Bryce, Bury, Hodgkin, and Hartmann, to say nothing of Gibbon, have left little to and Hartmann, to say nothing of Gibbon, have left little to

be said about the period covered by the present work; but at the same time it must be admitted that Professor Villari has selected and arranged his material to the best advantage, and that he tells his story very clearly. The volumes have a special interest in so far as they present a purely Italian version of Italian history. With some points in the narrative modern scholars may be disposed to disagree—not, of course, in points of fact, but in the author's deductions. The literary labours of certain religious orders, particularly of the Benedictines, are allowed a measure of praise that is uncritical; and Professor Villari shows a decided inclina-tion to respect theories that have grown popular with age. to say the least, unlikely that the Christian Martyrs are as large an army as has been stated by so many writers. The "B, M." of the tombs would better bear the translation *Bene Merenti* than the *Beati Martyri* that has been thrust upon it. However, these are small matters, and

when a generation is prepared when a generation is prepared for the less-popular construction of Italy's early history, it will be forthcoming. For the rest, suffice it that Professor Villari paints an effective picture of the break-up of the Roman power, and gives a masterly analysis of the causes that brought it about. Our own Empire helds a precition in the professor. Empire holds a position in the world to-day corresponding to the position held by Rome at the zenith of her power; there are certain points of resemblance in the position of the two Empires calculated to stir minds that seldom trouble about analogies. The Roman Empire fell of its own weight, and Professor Villari does well to point out that the degeneration of its people was the effect of a cause and not the direct cause of Rome's decay. It is a common mistake to say that the Empire fell because the people became degenerate; the truth is that the size of their Empire brought the degeneration about.



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reader likes this kind of pride, he will have plenty for his money in Miss Grier's romance. It is solidly written, and the author, we should say, has no special gift for fiction, which needs a much lighter hand. She works through her material with infinite patience, and demands from the reader not a little of the same useful quality.

A new novel by Mrs. Clifford is always welcome, though readers who cherish memories of "Aunt Anne" may find disappointment in "Woodside Farm." There is some of the author's insight into character, but not enough. Margaret Vincent is a charming girl, with no particular auxiliar. Her median is a charming girl, with no particular quality. Her mother is excellent; one of those sympathetic studies of strong but simple women that Mrs. Clifford excels in. Hannah, Margaret's half-sister, is a religious shrew, a familiar type, and not



THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PEACE: THE DEMONSTRATION IN THE SQUARE, BOURNEMOUTH.

The Mayor, attended by the Corporation and the Municipal Band, announced the Proclamation of Peace from the platform shown in the photograph. A resolution of congratulation was forwarded to the King.



THE TESTING OF THE BERMUDA FLOATING DOCK AT SHEERNESS: THE DOCK SUNK FOR THE FLOATING IN OF THE BATTLE-SHIP "SANSPAREIL." On June 5 the battle-ship "Sanspareil," fully equipped, was floated into it, and raised bodily



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CHINA'S REPRESENTATIVE AT THE CORONATION: PRINCE TSAI CHÊN, ESCORTED BY ROYAL HORSE ARTILLERY LEAVING SHANGHAI.



THE INVESTITURE OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN AT MARIENBURG, JUNE 5: THE GERMAN EMPEROR ON HIS WAY TO THE BANQUET.

The Church of St. Mary was consecrated at the same time. The Teutonic Knights were the last of the militant orders created in the Holy Land.



THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PEACE: SIR FRANCIS GRENFELL READING THE PROCLAMATION IN THE PALACE SQUARE, MALTA.

Contingents of all the troops and of the Navy at Malta assembled in the Palace Square on June ? At noon Sir Francis read the announcement.

SCIENCE JOTTINGS.

BY DR. ANDREW WILSON

In the old days of evolutionary teaching, days when Darwinism, as it was called, was very imperfectly understood and appreciated, a great deal was heard of the cry for the production of "missing links." That demand was perfectly justifiable. If the theory that the various species and larger groups of animals had been evolved from one another was to be regarded as correct, it is evident there must exist, or have existed, transitional forms. This consideration tempted critics to inquire for the links that might legitimately be supposed to correct. the links that might legitimately be supposed to connect species or groups which to-day appear distinct enough. Evolutionists fully admitted the justice of the contention. They began accordingly to search the archives of living nature, and the records of the rocks as well, for evidence regarding forms that might be regarded as supplying the gaps betwixt existing and apparently distinct groups. That search was not in vain.

When a demand for "missing links" is made, how-

when a demand for missing links is made, now-ever, one of the first points to be considered by the naturalist is that which inquires whether, in all cases, transitional forms are demanded. Let us select, for example, the case of a "species" of animals or plants. We are all more or less familiar with the idea implied by this term. The old Biblical word "kind" expresses fairly well what the naturalist means when he are the few series well what the naturalist means when he speaks of a species. Each kind of crow, for instance, is regarded as a "species The crow, the raven, the Cornish chough, the hooded crow, and so forth, are all species, and regarded as distinct entities in this sense. But are they really so distinct as we are given to suppose? In the first place, we regard a species as a group of animals (or plants) in which all the members are so alike that we might suppose them to be the offerving of the same purpose. which all the members are so alike that we might suppose them to be the offspring of the same parents, and, further, we regard them as, in turn, giving birth to offspring which repeat the parental characters. Now this is, in the main, correct, but then every species does not breed true. It shows variations which tend to depart from the parent type. When these variations in their turn are reproduced with sufficient frequency, we get a "variety" produced, and when this variety becomes permanent, we are face to face with a new "species."

There is abundant evidence to support this view of the origin of species. We see it demonstrated in the case of the pigeons. Fancy pigeons occasionally lay eggs which develop, not into pouters, fantails, or tumblers, as the case may be, but into the guise of the rock-pigeon. This latter is the parent of all the fancy breeds. If it be

latter is the parent of all the fancy breeds. If it be objected that this is of man's doing, we may reply that man can only work in breeding animals on the tendencies which nature provides in their constitution. He cannot create; he can only modify and direct. The fancy breeds of pigeons differ materially both in bone and feather and other points from the blue rock. and other points from the blue rock. Suppose nobody knew that the fancy birds had been bred by man, who would hesitate to call them all distinct species? They are far more widely separated from one another than are our crows, which, existing in a state of nature, are each denominated a species

denominated a species There are many plants, also, of which it may be said . that they form the despair of naturalists, in that no two botanists can agree as to which are species and which mere varieties. The brambles form an illustration of this uncertainty, and so also do the willows. The only reason which can exist for the scientific disputing is the previous of the relationship between the nearness of the relationship between the plants. That nearness can have arisen from one cause or That nearness can have arisen from one cause or circumstance alone—namely, the evolution of the plants from a common ancestor. Given time, and they may evolve special characters and differences marked enough to entitle botanists to call each a "species." At present they really represent each a family circle, wherein links are not wanted to connect them. It is the same with our crows and many other forms of animal life. A feather here a dash of colour forms of animal life. A feather here, a dash of colour there, a difference in size or shape, and, behold! we make a "species," It is, after all, an entirely artificial mode of separating forms. Its validity depends on the individual opinion of the naturalist, and nothing more. So that we see clearly enough that in place of "missing links" being often wanted, we require them not.

Turning now to larger groups, we find science able to

Turning now to larger groups, we find science able to point to so many cases in which the links demanded have been supplied that the general principle may be conceded of their existence universally. Quadrupeds or mammals are regarded usually as being separated off very sharply from birds. Here is an illustration of two great classes of animals which, if they are to be considered as representing the top of the trace way he rightfully senting the top of the tree, may be rightfully expected to have exhibited somewhere in the past connecting links. Far down the stem of the tree we might expect to find some forms that would connect the two groups. We are not disappointed here. Readers who know anything regarding those carious creatures the Ornithorhynchus, or high killed mater report for the killed mater and the condition of the conditi or duck-billed water-mole of Australia, and its neighbour the Echidna, will be able to point to creatures that actually unite in their bodies to-day the characters of mammals and birds. They lay eggs from which the young are developed, their skeleton is as much bird-like as it is mammalian in character, and they no doubt represent the survivors of a race which, could we view it in its past entirety, would present us with the common stock whence birds and quadrupeds have arisen

One might point to the fishes that breathe by gills and by lungs also, as links that lead from the fish class to the frogs, and from the purely aquatic type of life to that which sought the land and thereby developed a superior order of being. One might also quote the case of the horse, which, to-day a one-toed quadruped, has been evolved from a five-toed stock. There are no missing links in the horse's pedigree. They have all been supplied, as American museums will show. Thus is a great principle of evolution extrahlished, that the varied branches principle of evolution established, that the varied branches on the great tree of life are all connected. We know nothing of many of the junctures. These are lost to us in the cosmical revolutions of the past; but enough remain to convince us that life's development has taken place according to the plan which Darwin and others have mapped out.

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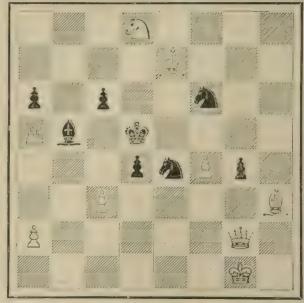
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SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO 3031.-By W. T. PIERCE. .

1. B to Kt 3rd 2. P to O 5th (ch) 3. R or B Mates.

P to Kt 5th B takes P

PROBLEM No. 3034.—By Fidelitias.



WHITE.

White to play, and mate in three moves.

CHESS IN EXETER. Game played in the Devon County Association between Messrs. E. D. FAWCETT and C. TRACEY.

WHITE (Mr. F.)	BLACK (Mr. T.)	WHITE (Mr. F.)	BLACK (Mr. T.)
1. P to K 4th	P to K 4th	14. Q to Q sq	P to B 5th
2. Kt to K B 3rd	Kt to Q'B 3rd	15. B to R 2nd	B to Kt and
3. B to Kt 5th	Kt to K B 3rd	16. P to K B 3rd	P to Q 4th
1. Castles	P to Q 3rd	17. B to K B 4th	B to B 4th (ch)
5. R to K sq		18. K to R sq	R to Q R sq
In this position P to Q	4th or P to Q 3rd is	19. B to Kt 5th	
imperative.		The move now made	londo to a fina fini.
5.	P to Q R 3rd	which Black conducts	
o. B to R 4th	P to Q Kt 1th	The game was awarde	d high honours in
7. B to Kt 3rd	B to K and	brilliancy competition.	
	R to Q Kt sq	19.	Kt takes K P
	P takes P	20. R takes Kt	Q takes B
	Castles	21. R to Kt 4th	O to K 4th
II. P to Q 4th	,	22. Kt to B 3rd	P to Kt sth
P to Q and was bette	r. White now falls	23. P to B 4th	P takes Kt
into an old catch, which	h goes far towards	24. P takes O	P takes P
losing him the game, Tout of play.	ne pisnop gets shut	25. R to Kt sq	R takes B
	D tolera D	26. R. takes P	R takes R
	P takes r	27. O to O B so	R to Kt and

CHESS IN TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

P to Q B 4th

r. ol.j. oleadman a	ing E. E. Middleton	
(Philidor)	s Defence.)	
THITE (Mr. S.) BLACK (Mr. M.)	WHITE (Mr. S.)	BLACK (Mr.)
P to K 4th P to K 4th	18. Q R to Q sq	QR to Q sq
Kt to K B 3rd P to Q 3rd	10. B takes Kt	B takes B
he Philider Defence is one of the open-	20. Kt to B 4th	B to Kt 4th
s which have been more or less discarded	21. Kt takes P	P to R 5th
ecent years.	22. B to B 4th	B to B 4th
P to Q 4th P takes P	23. Q to Kt 3rd	O to B ard
Kt takes P Kt to K B 3rd	24. Q takes B	Q takes B
Kt to Q B 3rd P to Q B 3rd	25. Kt to K 7th (ch)	
lack had better get his pieces into playead of making such poor moves as his 5th	Here White had a p	rettier and spe

13. Q takes Kt

K to R sq R takes R R to K Kt sq

Black wins.

30. If to Q B 4th R to G B sq 31. Q to Kt 4th R to K B sq 32. Kt to B 7th (ch) K to Kt sq 33. Kt to Q oth Q takes P 34. Q to K 6th (ch) Resigns

17. P to Q B 3rd Q to Q 2nd Phildor's legacy, now ensues.

"Seven Hundred Chess Problems," by Mrs. W. J. Baird (H. Sotheran and Co., London, price 10s, 6d.).—In this sumptuous volume, probably the finest that has ever been published in connection with the game, Mrs. Baird presents to the public the fruits of phenomenal skill and fertility in problem composition. In the course of fourteen years she has produced problems at an average rate of one a week, and anybody who has the slightest practical acquaintance with the subject knows what is involved in such effort. It is all the more remarkable in that, with one exception, to our knowledge no other woman has hitherto publicly entered the field of chess; and we have here a work which steps into the very front rank of published collections. Of course, where there are so many positions as in this book, there is much irregularity of quality, and we would personally have preferred a selection by which the composer might have challenged comparison with even the greatest reputations. There is also inevitable repetition, and we would urge, in particular, that in such profusion the individual style is smothered, and that distinctive note that marks off one composer from another is likely to be lost. Given all this, however, one cannot but admire the fastidious accuracy and perfect finish which are to be found on every page. The book itself is a triumph of the printer's art, and the fine coloured diagrams, together with the quaint and pretty designs by which the author embellishes the work throughout, make its possession a pleasure in more senses than one.

THE RETURN OF THE SOLDIERS.

It was a saying of the Duke of Wellington that a great country can never wage a little war. That is true in the country can never wage a little war. That is true in the sense in which the famous Field-Marshal meant it. In another sense, however, "little wars" are our country's constant occupation. No sooner is one conflagration put out than the soldiers who have got it under, save a few left to watch the smouldering ashes, are despatched to battle against an outbreak in some other quarter of the Empire. Thus, although we have nearly always a victual and the sense of the field it is soldier given. torious army somewhere in the field, it is seldom given to us to demonstrate over one returning home. At most

a solitary hero wings his way to our shores, is dined and is fêted, and is speedily forgotten by the time that his portrait appears in the next year's Academy.

To-day we find ourselves in a different position. The war in South Africa demanded a greater output of our strength than we have had to make for some generations. Now that it is over for although no doubt. Now that it is over-for although, no doubt-

We 've got an awful row to hoe In this 'ere job o' reconstructin',

still, so far as the military are concerned, the task is still, so far as the military are concerned, the task is over—we are awaiting the return of the army, the vanguard of which is nearing port. The welcome we have ready for them will be hearty, and it will be more chastened than the outburst that sped them on their way. "Our country's bird" will be "a-lookin' on an' singin' out hosanner," but underlying the shouting, we are convinced, will be a purified spirit. Readers of Charles Kingsley's "Life" will remember the emotions awakened in him by the sight of the soldiers home from the Crimea who came over to Eversley to hear him preach. Similar feelings throughout the nation now were in Dr. Conan Doyle's mind doubtless when he spoke of the spiritual infusion brought about by the war from which we are just emerging.

he spoke of the spiritual infusion brought about by the war from which we are just emerging.

In thinking of the return of the military we go back naturally to the "great Captain" of the beginning of the century. Nelson, of course, did not live to return from his greatest achievement—the establishment at Trafalgar of the supremacy of Great Britain's sea-power. The log of the Victory (quoted by Captain Mahan) put it wonderfully. "Partial firing continued until 4.30, when a victory of the Victory (quoted by Captain Mahan) put it wonderfully: "Partial firing continued until 4.30, when a victory having been reported to the Right Honourable Lord Viscount Nelson, K.B., he died of his wound." Nelson was not always happy in his visits to England in the earlier stages of his triumphant career. He was unfailingly received with popular acclaim, but once a least he had to complain of the ungracious essentials. he had to complain of the ungraciousness of his Sovereign and of a marked coldness at the Admiralty. That, however, was after Palermo, the scandalous gossip of which reached London before him. It is curious to notice how greatly in the dark the nation was kept then about the movements of the fleet. On Aug. 19, the then about the movements of the fleet. On Aug. 19, the very day that the Victory, with the Admiral on board, anchored at Spithead (after the Battle of the Nile), Lord Radstock was writing that "'twas extraordinary no official accounts have been received from Lord Nelson since July 27." These were the days before telegraph services and war-correspondents; when two fleets lost each other in the Mediterranean for a month!

An interesting event in Nelson's last stay at home was his meeting with Wellington. General Wellesley had just returned from India, with the honours of Assaye fresh upon him; and in a letter written many years after-

fresh upon him; and in a letter written many years afterwards he describes how, on going to the Colonial Office, in Downing Street, he was shown into a waiting-room where was Nelson. His account of their casual interview illustrates the curious inconsistency of Nelson's character which led Lord Minto to write of him: "He is in many points a really great man, in others a baby." The only honour conferred on Wellington on this occasion was the Order of the Bath. Before his next return from the wars he had been made Viscount Wellington of Talavera, and, later, after Ciudad Rodrigo, Earl of Wellington, then a Marquis (with enormous grants of money), and finally a Duke. On reaching Dover on June 23, 1814, a tremendous reception awaited him, though it was nothing to the welcome after Waterloo. Among the monuments to that last return were the column in the Phænix Park, Dublin, the bridge across the Thames named after his crowning victory, the Achilles statue in Hyde Park, the metal for which came from the cannon taken at Salamanca, Vittoria, Toulouse, and Waterloo; and the "monstrous absurdity" (as the Duke himself called it) erected in the Green Park at a cost of £30,000. The people of England also presented him with Strathfieldsaye, purchased from Lord Rivers for £263,000. illustrates the curious inconsistency of Nelson's character

Lord Rivers for £263,000.

After Waterloo, though there was some fighting here and there throughout the Empire, the army really rested until the Crimea. The news of the rather unpopular peace with which that unfortunate war ended first peace with which that unfortunate war ended first appeared in a message to the *Times* from its Vienna correspondent, published in the second edition of the issue for Jan. 17, 1856. The effect on the Stock Exchange was to run up the price of Consols from 87\frac{3}{8} for money, 87\frac{3}{8} for the Account, to 90\frac{1}{4} and 90\frac{3}{4}. The rise on similar occasions early in the century had been even greater—from 59\frac{3}{4} to 70 on the declaration of peace with France in 1801; from 70\frac{1}{4} to 79 after the Treaty of Amiens in 1802; and after Waterloo, from 53\frac{3}{8} to 59\frac{1}{2}. The news reached the Crimea at the end of February, and the Allied and Russian Generals met at Traktir and the Allied and Russian Generals met at Traktir Bridge to arrange for the suspension of hostilities. On the night of March 30 the citizens of London were aroused by the sound of salutes in St. James's Park and at the Tower, and of the bells of St. Martin's and St. Prid's at a first last of the sound of the bells of St. Martin's and St. Bride's—the official notification of the peace. There was a public thanksgiving on May 4, and May 29, on which date her Majesty's birthday was observed, was a day of general rejoicing. The final evacuation of the Crimea by the Allied troops did not occur till July 12, when General Codrington formally gave up Sebastopol and Balaclaya to the Russians. Balaclava to the Russians

The official expression of rejoicing at the end of the Mutiny was, perhaps, best shown in the great reviews by her Majesty of the Volunteer Force, which had come into existence in 1859. By the following summer, some 180,000 men had joined in the movement, the full significance of which has been discussed in the Poor West. which has been discovered in the Boer War.



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sum like this be wasted now?

may be repeated in the immediate Will another large future. And to the present reader the story told on this page is of very present importance, for he has, during the past few days,

lost precious time, and if he continues to delay he will be one of the people to suffer an impending loss of the same sort. A mistake is always a mistake; but when exactly the same mistake is made a second time, one regrets it

A certain number out of a total of 44,023 subscribers paid the lowest possible price for "The Times" Reprint of the "Encyclopædia Britannica" (Ninth Edition). A proportion of the 44,000 wanted the same book, knew they would buy it sooner or later, saw the first-comers buying it at the cheapest price, were warned day after day that if they waited the book would cost them more money when they did buy it, and yet they waited and paid £81,247 1.45. 6d. more than they need have paid.

More curious still, this £81,000 was not only a loss to them, but was no gain to the Publishers into whose hands it passed. It did no one any good. It might just as well have been dropped into the Thames. To anyone who is not familiar with the processes of publishing, this statewill seem puzzling. Here is the explanation.

When a page of type has been set (and such a page as that of the "Encyclopædia Britannica" requires the putting together of more than 6000 separate, bits; of metal) a plate is made from the surface of the type. When the press begins to move a film of ink is spread over the "plates," or facsimiles of the pages of type, and

now can avert a similar loss.

a sheet of paper is pressed down Only prompt action upon the inked surface by the drum or roller. This sounds very simple, but before it can be done a complicated task must first be

performed. For no matter how carefully the "plate" is made, and no matter how beautifully accurate the mechanism of a modern press may be, neither the surface of the "plate," nor, for that matter, the surface of the drum, can be made mathematically true. The film of ink is so thin that if one part of the "plate" stands onehundredth of an inch higher than another part, as it naturally does until it has been rectified, the completed page would show black smudges in some places, and receive no ink at all in others. In order to produce an evenly printed page, the surface of the "plate" is first slightly raised in parts by putting bits of paper under it; and then, continuing the process, the surface of the drum which presses on the "plate" has to be altered to atone for the remaining inequalities in the surface of the

The worst losses are those of one's own choosing.

"plate." In order to do this, the printer first lays his sixteen "plates" on the press, and then gives the machine a turn. The

result is a crude-looking sheet, showing fractions of each of the sixteen pages irregularly printed, under varying degrees of contact. When he has "built up" the "plate" from beneath as well as he can, he pastes his experimental sheet on the drum, and where the impression was too faint he cuts a little piece of paper and sticks it on, so that the drum will press more heavily on that particular part of that particular page. Where the impression was too heavy, he cuts a piece out of the underlying strata of paper on the drum. Some of the fragments of irregular form thus subtracted from, or added to, the surface of the drum are as large as the palm of a man's hand, and others no larger than a finger-tip.

The very fact that the alterations are so minute makes them all the more difficult, and keeps the press standing idle just so much longer.

From even this rough description of the skilled labourartist's labour almost-involved in the mere preliminary preparations for printing, the reader will easily understand why it is that, although a press could print 5000 "sheets"

calendar work against all who delay.

(or 16-page sections) of the Ninth The clock and the Edition in one day, a previous day's time must be spent in initial adjustment. Five thousand copies of the Ninth Edition would therefore occupy 1375 presses (since

there are 1375 times 16 pages in the Ninth Edition) for two days, not one day. As a matter of fact, there are not so many modern presses in the country, but the story is simpler if we consider each press as working

on one sheet only. If 10,000 copies are required, the same number of presses would have to work for three days; if 15,000 copies are required, the same number of presses would have to work for four days. In the case of a "run" of only 5000 the presses stand still one day in order to work one day, and half of the total "machine-cost" is spent in the "makingready." The net product is in that case really 2500 copies a day. In the case of 10,000 copies, the presses stand still for one day, and work for two days, so that only one - third of the total cost is expended in preliminaries. The net product is in that case really 3333 copies a day. If the "run" is 15,000 copies, only one-fourth of the total cost is expended in preparations, and the net product is then 3750 copies a day.

Every one of a "run" of 5000 copies therefore costs,

rise in price, waiting is costly.

in respect of "machining" alone, When a book must 50 per cent, more than every one of a "run" of 15,000. When the "run" comes down to 1000, the cost per copy is still further

increased, and becomes very heavy indeed.

The reader can now see that when "The Times" manufactured its first and largest Reprint of the Ninth Edition it spent very much less for each copy than it spent for each copy of the later and smaller "runs." Nor did the printer secure any additional profit from the greater price per copy necessarily charged for these subsequent and smaller printings. It took him as long to prepare his presses for a "run" of 1000 as for a "run " of 10,000.

These simple facts, which were A diamond is costly, coupled with other facts as perbut "nothing for tinent and as simple in connection £81,000" is dearer. with the manufacture of paper, the purchase of skins for binding,

and the actual work of binding and announcing a book, will show the reader how it happened that the sum of £81,000 was actually frittered away in the course of the piecemeal manufacture of these later copies of "The Times" Reprint-some of them having been prepared in lots of only one or two thousand each.

Some men can afford luxuries, no

In spite, however, of the large sum wasted by delay, more than a million pounds was saved by man can afford waste those who purchased the "Encyclopædia Britannica" from "The

Times," and the story of this saving makes a curious chapter in the history of bookselling.

During the past four years more than 44,000 copies of "The Times" Reprint of the "Encyclopædia Britannica" (Ninth Edition) have been sold, for more than a million sterling. The highest of the constantly increasing prices at which these books-in successive batches-were sold was less than half the price at which Messrs. A. and C. Black catalogued the Ninth Edition of the "Encyclopædia Britannica" before "The Times" issued the

The difference between the sum these 44,000 buyers actually paid and the sum which they would have paid if they had bought the book at the prices fixed by Messrs. A. and C. Black's catalogue is exactly £1,136,862 gs. 8d.

Just such an occasion is slipping by at this hour.

But, although all of these 44,000 copies were sold at less than half-price, they were not, as has already been shown, all sold at the same price. The first and

largest batch of copies printed were taken by subscribers who heeded the warning given by "The Times" that the price must soon be increased. The initial offer was kept open as long as possible, its approaching withdrawal was advertised as conspicuously as possible; yet after it had been withdrawn hundreds of people wrote to "The Times" saying that they too wanted the "Encyclopædia Britannica." They wanted the work, even if they had to pay more for it. Fresh arrangements were made. the 22,000 pages were again put on the press for another but smaller printing, and another sale (necessarily at a higher price) was advertised. In due course, this sale also came to an end, and, once again, as soon as it was too late to buy the book at that price, letters poured in from belated people who had wanted to buy it, but had failed to act in time. Again fresh, arrangements were made, another and still smaller impression was printed, and again the price had to be increased. This process was repeated again and again,

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the later reprintings being always, smaller than the first. All of the belated buyers paid at least £2 more, many paid £3 more, and some even £4 more than did the

prompt buyers. The ledgers in the Office of "The Times" actually show, in simple, unsurmountable figures, that the aggregate loss incurred by those who thus delayed amounted to more than £81,000.

The moral of this story is of more immediate interest than the story itself. To-day "The Times" is offering the eleven New Volumes of the "Encyclopædia

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leaves one profit behind it— a lesson.

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Experience shows that promptness is the best economy.

those who paid promptly, so the New Volumes will very soon cost more than they do now. A certain proportion of all those who sooner or later acquire the

work will wait until it is too late to secure it at the minimum price. Not only £81,000, but more than £81,000, will be thrown away, if such a want of promptness as was shown before is shown now.

The reader who considers for a moment the lesson to be derived from this plain recital of what has occurred in the past will not desire to be among the number who delay until they suffer this impending loss.

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will be a material one, no one who has the question plainly put before him can fail to see how greatly it is to his interest to act at once.

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WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

The will (dated Feb. 24, 1892), with four codicils (dated May 9, 1899, May 31, 1901, and Feb. 11, 1902), of Mr. Benjamin Buck Greene, of 25, Kensington Palace Gardens, and Midgham, Berks, who died on April 3, was proved on June 2 by Frederick Greene, the son, Robert William Chamney, and William Graham Greene, the nephew, the executors, the value of the estate being

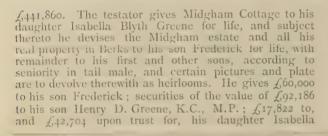
Blyth; £5314 to, and £39,000 upon trust for, his son Benjamin; £14,977 to, and £43,704 upon trust for, his daughter Catherine Greene; £1000 each to Robert William Chamney and William Graham Greene; £1000 to Mrs. Lucy Greene; £1000 each to the three children of his son, Henry D. Greene; £100 each to the National Life-Boat Institution, the Merchant Seamen's Orphan Asylum, the Seamen's Hospital (late

value of the estate being £234,008. The testator bequeaths £6000, his household furniture and effects, horses and carriages, and, during her widowhood, an annuity of £2000 and the use of Alton Lodge to his wife, or in the event of her again marrying the income from £20,000; and £250 each to his brother James and Thomas Howard Ryland. Subject to the payment to Mrs. Rollaston of allowances for the



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Dreadnought), the Homopathic Hospital, and the Royal Berkshire Hospital; £600, in trust, for the insurance and repair of the church at Midgham erected by him; and many other legacies. The residue of his property he leaves to his son Frederick.

The will (dated May 25, 1901) of Mr. Frank Rollaston, of Alton Lodge, Gravelly Hill, Warwick, who died on April 22, has been proved by Mrs. Kate Alexandra Rollaston, the widow, James Rollaston, the brother, and Thomas Howard Ryland, the executors, the



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education and maintenance of his children, the residue of his property is to be held, upon trust, for them in equal shares.

The will (dated June 8, 1894), with a codicil (dated March 9, 1901), of Mr. Richard Ovey, J.P., D.L., of Badgemore, Henley-on-Thames, who died on April 27, was proved on May 31 by James Moss Howson and Robert Hunt, the executors, the value of the estate amounting to £229,196. Under the will of his father, the testator charges the property therein mentioned

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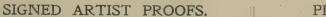
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with the payment of £,25,000 each to his younger sons; £20,000 each, upon trust, for his daughters; and of £400 per annum to his wife, Mrs. Clara and of £400 per annum to his wife, Mrs. Clara Ovey. Subject to the life interest of his wife therein, he appoints the funds of his marriage settlement to his eldest son. He gives £500 to the Royal Berkshire Hospital; £100 for the poor of Henley; £500 each to his executors; £300 to John Loy Keene; £100 to his sister Mary Broadbent; £200 to Samuel Copping; and legacies to servants. Mrs. Ovey is to have the use and enjoyment of Badgemore, and during the minority of his children the income of their portions is to be paid to her. All his real and the residue of his personal estate to her. All his real and the residue of his personal estate he leaves to his eldest son.

The will (dated Oct. 4, 1894) of Mr. Alfred Barnes, of Ashgate Lodge, Chesterfield, formerly M.P. for Chesterfield, who died on Nov. 28, has been proved by Arthur Gorell Barnes, Alfred Thomas Barnes, Ernest Edmund Barnes, and Edwin Clay Barnes, the sons, the executors, the value of the estate being £59,932. The testator gives the income of one thousand £10 shares in the Grassmoor Colliery Company and the use of his residence with the furniture therein to his wife, Mrs. Charlotte Barnes; and £12,000, upon trust, for his daughter Alice Emily Mea Barnes. The residue of his property he leaves to his four sons, his son ∆rthur Gorell bringing into account 175 shares of the Grassmoor Company already settled on him.

The will (dated Feb. 20, 1895), with two codicils (dated Feb. 8, 1898, and Aug. 21, 1900), of Major Anthony

Morris Storer, J.P., of Purley Park, Reading, who died on April 5, was proved on May 24 by George Frederick Downing Fullerton, the executor, the value of the estate being £59,320. The testator gives his Dutch 21 per cent. stock, the lands and cottages at Tilehurst, the balance at his bankers, and his wines, linen, live and dead stock, to his wife, Mrs. Cecily Barr Storer; £100 cach to his sisters, Anne Catherine Whitelock and Margaret Sellon; and £200 to his executor. The residue of his property he leaves, upon trust, for his wife for life, and then, upon further trusts, for his daughter Mrs. Leila Minna Gertrude Downing Fullerton, and her daughter law Leila Downing Fullerton and her daughter Ivy Leila Downing Fullerton and her issue.

The will (dated Aug. 9, 1897), with a codicil (dated Sept. 17, 1901), of Colonel Harry Clayton Hague, of 18, St. James's Street, Piccadilly, and Drighlington, Yorkshire, who died on March 1, was proved on May 27 by the Rev. Harry Lowndes Day, the nephew, the sole executor, the value of the estate being £57,856. The testator gives the advowson and right of presentation to the Vicarage of Hollym, near Hull, to his brother-in-law the Rey, Charles Day: his hereditaments and premises the Rev. Charles Day; his hereditaments and premises at Hollym to his sister Mary Day; and the Drighlington estate to his nephew the Rev. Harry Lowndes Day. The residue of his property he leaves to his sisters Mary Day, Julia Day, Margaret Barnby, Octavia Hague, and Louise Anne Anderson.

The will (dated March 17, 1001) of Mr. John Dawson, of 25, Harrington Gardens, S.W., who died on April 11, was proved on May 22 by Sir Robert Harvey and Percy

Alexander Koppel, the executors, the value of the estate amounting to £44,656. The testator bequeaths an annuity of £200 to his sister Mary Katharine Dawson; £100 to his sister Margaret Bowyer; £100 each to his executors; the use, for life, of his house at Valparaiso, with the furniture and effects therein, and Sizoo per annum, to Dona Margarite a Vinda de Langley; and a few small legacies. His residuary estate is to be divided between his children, John Robert Walter, William Frederick, and Mary Catherine Alexandrina Jane.

The will (dated Sept. 5, 1896), with a codicil (dated April 22, 1901), of Lieutenant-General Sir Andrew Clarke, G.C.M.G., C.B., C.I.E., of 31, Portland Place, W., who died on March 29, was proved on May 26 by Colonel Alexander Jerome Filgate and Major John de Winton Lardner Clarke, R.A., the nephew, the executors, the value of the estate amounting to £35,454. The testator gives his house in Portland Place, with the furniture, etc., to his daughter; his books, papers, and decorations, his presentation silver, and his shares in the Buenos Ayres Grand National Tramway Company to his nephew, Major Clarke; his shares in Palmer's Shipbuilding and Iron Company, the Frederick the Great Gold-Mining Company, and the Recovery of Bendigo, Victoria, Company, to his sister-in-law, Frances Clarke, and his niece, Beatrix Clarke; and shares in other companies to Dorcas Johnstone and Andrew Wood. The residue of his property he leaves, upon trust, for his daughter, for life, and then as she shall appoint to her children.

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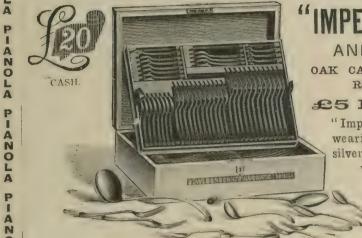
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MUSIC.

At the Royal Opera, Covent Garden, on Saturday, June 7, the chief interest lay with Miss Marie Brema and her really magnificent rendering of Brünnhilde in 'Die Walküre.' Her scene with Herr van Rooy, who sang the rôle of Wotan, was a memorable one. Mdlle. Fremstad sang the part of Fricka, and Herr Kraus was an average Siegmund. Frau Lohse, whose voice is distinctly improving, sang the part of Sieglinde; but the honours lay with Herr van Rooy, who is the finest Wotan the English operatic stage has seen, and Miss Marie Brema, who has great dramatic force as well as a rich and highly trained voice.

In the month of June concerts are very numerous, and it is impossible to do justice to each or even to many. The pupils of the Guildhall School of Music showed great finish and artistic intelligence in their rendering of the "comedy opera," "The Taming of the Shrew," composed by Hermann Goetz. Miss Carrie Tubb played with verve and talent the shrewish wife, and Mr. Henry Corner the diplomatic husband. Mr. Ernest Ford conducted an efficient orchestra, and the scenic effects were admirable, while the chorus were well in hand and sang with commondable light and shade. with commendable light and shade.

At the Queen's Hall on Saturday, June 7, M. Sapellnikoff gave a piano recital of a varied programme, including sonatas of Beethoven, Liszt, and Ischaikowsky, in which he is at his best. In the " Moonlight" Sonata M. Sapellnikoff was his quietest and least emotional self; in Liszt and Tschaikowsky he rose to a height of force and verve.

M. Kubelik gave his third concert on the afternoon M. Rubeik gave his third concert on the attendon of Tuesday, June 3, at the St. James's Hall, assisted by his Bohemian orchestra, and surpassed even his remarkable technique in his Paganini - Wilhelmj Concerto in D major. It is so astonishing and wonderful that it fails to impress the least educated of his audience with more than a keen sense of delicacy of his audience with more than a keen sense of delicacy of his audience with more than a keen sense of delicacy of playing. M. Kubelik is a living exponent of the maxim that "the highest art is to conceal art." Miss Katherine Goodson played with M. Kubelik the pianoforte part of the Concerto in E flat of Liszt. The orchestra played brilliantly the first Rhapsody of Dvoråk and the overture to the opera "Die Nacht am Karlstein," by M. Fibich.

The Coronation concerts and festivals are beginning to crowd into the musical season, and the first one at the Albert Hall was given on Thursday evening, June 5, under the direction of Mr. William Carter, when a monster programme was successfully carried through.

The concert began with "God Save the King," sung by the Carter Choir, and accompanied by the grand organ and the band of the Scots Guards, and ended with the same orchestra and choir with "Rule, Britannia!" The patriotic song of Miss Frances Allitsen, originally written for Queen Victoria, of hackneyed verse but stirring music, has been adapted by Agnes Sibley, and was sung by Madame Fannie Howie (Princess Te Rangi Pai). "Zadok the Priest," the official Coronation anthem by Handel, was sung by the choir admirably, and many other artists helped to swell the length ably, and many other artists helped to swell the length and excellence of the programme.

Herr von Possart continued last week his fine dramatic readings at the Queen's Hall, assisted by Herr Richard Strauss. On Monday evening the incidental music to Lord Tennyson's "Enoch Arden" was "programmemusic" in the best and truest sense of the word. Herr von Possart was admirable. On Wednesday Herr Strauss conducted three of his "Tone Poems." "Don Juan" has already been played by the Queen's Hall orchestra, and it is a high compliment to Mr. Henry Wood to say that even under the clever conductorship of the composer the poem proved no more illuminating, though it is a clever composition, and deserves a place on the concert programmes. There were beautiful constructions and melodies in "Tod und Verklarung." M. I. H.

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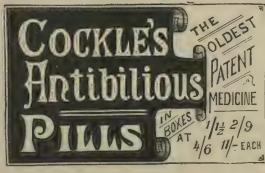




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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

The Rev. J. W. Horsley, Rector of St. Peter's, Walworth, has gone to Switzerland for his annual chaplaincy at Meiringen. Writing in his parish magazine for June, he pictures himself as wandering in the snow, breathing air without the "body" in it that Walworth air possesses, and able to see further than the opposite side of the street. "I shall return," adds the humorous Rector, "just before the Coronation, to avoid casting a gloom on national rejoicing

The Bishop of Salisbury and Mrs. Wordsworth, who have been staying at Neuenähr, near Bonn, will return to London for the Coronation.

The largest congregation I have ever seen at St. Paul's was that which assembled for the "Te Deum" on the Monday after peace was declared. The Bishop of Stepney's magnificent voice was heard in every part of the nave as he exhorted the great gathering to remember the solemn responsibilities into which peace was ushering them, and to beware of abandoning the self-restraint which had always marked the English people.

The S.P.G., under its energetic secretary, Bishop Montgomery, is preparing to enter the new field which has been opened in South Africa. Since the

commencement of the war the Society has set aside £36,000 for starting fresh work among the native races, and it is now hoping to raise a Peace Thanksgiving Fund for South Africa.

The Bishop of Oxford, in a recent address at St. Mary's, Reading, dealt with the pressing question of the deficiency of candidates for holy orders. He remarked that the actual present demand was far above what it was a few years ago, and that the possibilities of church extension were unlimited. One reason for the lack of witch always to be found, he considered in lack of suitable clergy was to be found, he considered, in the general want of enthusiasm. As work increased, the rush, glow, and challenge of enthusiasm had tended to fade away. If an epoch of revival could set in there would be no lack of candidates.

Many of the best - known London churches are arranging for eleven o'clock services on the morning of Coronation Day. Such services will be held at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, St. Matthew's, Bayswater, and other convenient centres.

Holy Trinity Church, Marylebone, has just celebrated the seventy - fourth anniversary of its consecration. Festival services were held, and the Rector, the Rev. E. Grose Hodge, in writing to his parishioners, expressed

gratitude for the liberality and kindness which had provided a new organ and window as a birthday present.

There will be a pilgrimage to Hursley and Keble's grave on July 15, when special services will be held in the parish church and a sermon will be preached by Professor Moberly. Many admirers of the poet took advantage of this pilgrimage last year.

A British and Colonial Art Exhibition was opened on June 13 at the Royal Institute of Water Colour Painters. Its object is to forward the interests of Colonial Art and to aid the organisation of Colonial Art Guilds in London.

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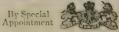
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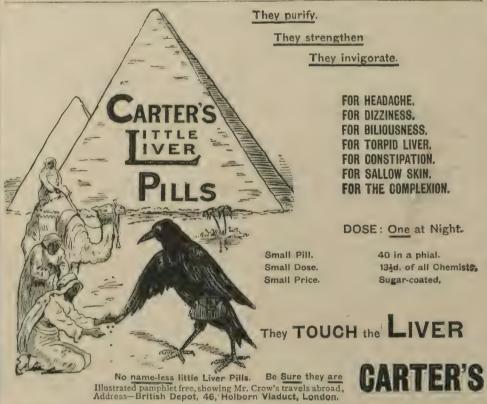




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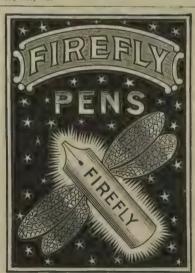
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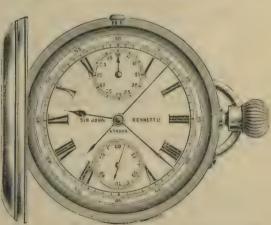
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ART NOTES.

The Coronation decorations have had a little rehearsal in celebration of the Peace. The old flags have been brought out again, and most of these have been improved by age and use. Crude tints have softened under the action of the air and light, which, in time, harmonise everything. Even so, a plea might reasonably be entered for flags of a rather better texture and tint in prosperous quarters of London. Very cheap and tawdry bunting dangles out of place on the balconies of dwellings that are palaces in size and rich in all other accessories. Rome and Venice produce, on great days, their silks and rugs and tapestries that delight the eye. London might well, one thinks, set forth some of its treasures in lieu of bunting that costs a few halfpence a yard.

An exhibition that will attract many visitors, whose shillings are to be given to the King's Hospital Fund, is the Farnley Hall collection of Turner water-colours at Messrs. Lawrie and Co.'s Galleries in Bond Street. In the drawings numbered fourteen to twenty-two of the Rhine series, Turner may be studied in one of his most interesting, if not in one of his most beautiful, phases. Interesting indeed they are, but some beauty is sacrificed with the manner that was very minute, and some nobility is lost in the too abundantly noble mood—the mood which found the sermon in every stone and made the pebble as important as the peak. Before such drawings the

emotions go unsatisfied; but far other is the case when, in a second group of Rhine drawings, we get the "Drachenfels." In this as in "Lindley Bottom" is the grandeur of a technique as large as the valleys and earth-ways it has for its subject; and in each is the colour touched with the truth of light. A set of drawings of Farnley Hall, its staircases, its parlours, and its oak rooms, keep company with a series of sketches of Farnley property, the latter containing the more interesting studies. Of the three or four oil-paintings which chaperon their slighter friends, two must be considered very important examples. The "Pilot Hailing Smack in the Channel" is a good example of Turner's most important early period as far as oil-painting is concerned. The second is a brilliantly complete sketch by Sir Joshua Reynolds called "Portrait of a Lady," and full of essentially clean and true study of flesh-tones.

The ability of a sketcher belongs to Mr. Dudley Hardy, R.I., in quite an unusual degree. Rarely is use made of the attractiveness which belongs to a hurrying brush and a rapid line. But nevertheless these are qualities which may be turned to good account, and are so in most of the water-colours exhibited by Mr. Hardy at the Continental Galleries in Bond Street. Grey wharves, fish awaiting purchasers on grey slabs of stone, together with red - scarved fisherfolk, afford schemes of colour dear to this artist's heart. Among the best of these in the present collection may be

mentioned "Sea Mist," "A Grey Morning, Departure," and "Showers, Etaples."

The death of M. Benjamin - Constant has given a melancholy fitness to the exhibition of his works now open at the Grafton Gallery. Had he lived a week or two longer, he would have kept his fifty-seventh birthday. No French artist of recent years has been so closely in touch with the English public. His portrait of Queen Victoria exhibited at the Royal Academy last year made a notable addition to the long list of portraits of English monarchs we owe to the brushes of foreign painters. Queen Alexandra, who was among the latest of his sitters, expressed the national sentiment when she sent a wreath to be placed in homage on Benjamin-Constant's tomb.

Messrs. Henry Graves and Co. have on view in Pall Mall a portrait of Queen Alexandra painted by Mr. Edward Hughes. The enlarged coloured photograph comes, of course, to mind with an echo of Sir Joshua to carry it off. Yet this artist gives pleasure to his sitters, of whose beauty he produces a record that all may read; and he has the historical distinction of exhibiting the first English portrait of Alexandra as a Queen. Two other pictures are on view at the same gallery; one is appropriately a "First Night at Her Majesty's Theatre," painted by Mr. J. Brooks; and the other, royal in all but name, is Mr. Benziger's vigorous portrait of the late Mr. McKinley.

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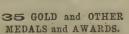
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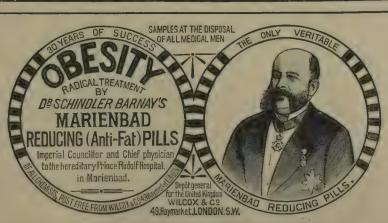


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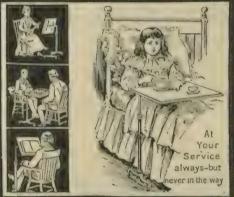
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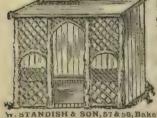
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series of Record Numbers of ever-increasing merit. The Transvaal War Special Number and the Queen Victoria Number were worthy successors of their great forerunner, but now the record, so to speak, has been beaten by the Coronation Service and Ceremony, published this week. The Number contains fifty-two pages, and only the last of these, which is an index, is without illustration. In addition to the pictures in the main body of the work, there are twenty-seven splendid coloured and other plates, of which the chief are the magnificent portraits of King Edward and Queen Alexandra, reproduced in colours from the paintings by S. Begg. These paintings, it is worthy of remark, were submitted for their Majesties' approval. Mr. Begg also contributes two similar paintings of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and a magnificent series of coloured plates is continued by Mr. Allan Stewart with his portrait of Prince Edward



THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

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of Wales. It represents the Heir Presumptive attired in a white sailor suit, with the Castle of Windsor in the background, while the approach of a squadron of Life Guards is suggested in the middle distance. Further military subjects include the pentachrome after the painting by H. W. Koekkoek, representing King Edward as Colonel of the 10th Hussars, the regiment in which his Majesty served as a young man, and the Imperial Bodyguard, after the painting by G. Amato, which shows the representatives of all our Colonial forces saluting their Sovereign: Four more plates, after the paintings by A. Hugh Fisher, are devoted to Westminster Abbey. The first shows the scene of the Coronation, the sanctuary where the Anointing and Coronation will be held, and the space immediately under the lantern where has been crected the theatre for their Majesties' Inthronization. Of the remaining Westminster Abbey pictures, one shows the Jerusalem Chamber, where the Regalia will be handed over to the great Officers of State, who will proceed to the temporary annexe at the West Door, thence to escort their Majesties up the nave. The other two Westminster subjects are the Coronation Chairs and the entrance to the choir through which the Sovereign passes to his Coronation.



PRINCE EDWARD OF WALES SALUTING THE COLOURS.

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The two Coronation Chairs stand in St. Edward's Chapel, the ancient one containing the Stone of Destiny, brought by King Edward I. from Scone. The newer throne is made after the pattern of the older, but it is somewhat smaller. It was first used at the Coronation of Mary, joint Sovereign with William III. Close to the two chairs are Edward the Third's shield and his monumental State sword, seven feet long, the blade which conquered France. Very significant at this time of the Coronation of an Edward, after the lapse of 350 years, is the series of coloured plates representing the Coronations of seven Edwards, from the Confessor to Edward VI. These illustrations possess the merit of being wonderfully faithful representations of the periods to which they refer. Of a somewhat different character, are the plates decorated with all the richness of an ancient missal which contain the full style and title of King Edward VII., his lineage, the arms of the chief claimants to perform services at the Coronation, and the map and arms of the British Dominions beyond the Seas. Nor is the list of special plates yet exhausted, for there remain the splendid photogravure from the painting by S. Begg representing the taking of the Coronation Oath, and King Edward's first Parliament assembled in both Houses, from the paintings by T. Walter Wilson, R.I. There are also two photogravure plates after the paintings by R. Caton Woodville and one by Allan Stewart:

Passing now from the special plates to the main contents of the Number, it is at once evident to the reader that the principal object has been to describe



KING EDWARD VII.

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by illustration and letterpress every incident of the complicated ceremony of the Coronation. To do this it was found advisable, for the sake of variety and lucidity, to connect each special incident with a definite coronation of a King or Queen of England. The details, alike of picture and story, have been ascertained and set down after the most careful reference to contemporary authorities, and each illustration is designed to emphasise the origin or history of the special ceremony of which it treats. Wherever a point of peculiar interest presented itself in connection with any ceremony in any particular reign, it has been taken as the subject of the drawing. To insure convenience of reference, the pictures have been arranged according to chronological sequence rather than in the order of the Coronation Service. For those, however, who desire to follow the proceedings from beginning to end.



THE PRINCE OF WALES.

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the whole Coronation ceremony has been minutely described in the text; and as a further aid, the order of ceremony from the earliest times, including the



THE POSITION OF KING EDWARD VII. AT THE TAKING OF THE OATH.

Photogravure from the Painting by S. Begg.

portions that are now omitted, is given in an Appendix. For greater facility of reference, the Appendix also contains a plan of Westminster Abbey as arranged for the Coronation, and by means of this the successive stages of the ceremony can be clearly traced.

The borders which enclose the type form another distinctive feature of the Number, and all bear directly upon the Coronation ceremony. The first deals with the King's Regalia, and includes drawings of the Golden Eagle, or Ampulla, which contains the oil used at the consecration of the Sovereign and his Consort; the silver-gilt spoon in which the oil is poured from the beak of the Eagle; the Sceptre with the Dove, signifying Peace; the Sceptre with the Cross; the Orb; the Bible; St. Edward's Staff, originally used by the Sovereign to walk with in the Procession; St. Edward's Chalice and Patina; St. Edward's Crown, with which the culminating ceremony is performed; the Spurs; the three Swords — of Mercy, Justice to the Spirituality, and Justice to the Temporality; the Sword of State, which is offered and redeemed at the altar, and carried naked before the King; and the regal



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Bracelets, or Armillæ. A complete set of the medals formerly given as largesse at Coronation ceremonies is shown in another border; in others, the Queen Consort's Regalia; the crowns of England and the coronets of Peers of every rank. Three more are devoted to drawings of Coronation ceremonies from the ancient manuscripts; one to the various scenes of Coronations; one to Manors the Lords of which are entitled to do service; one to the eleven Consorts crowned with Kings. The "Liber Regalis" border is worthy of special note. For the first time, the whole of the quaint illustrations in this book, which dates from Richard II., have been reproduced.

Apart from the special plates, the gallery of fullpage illustrations is as extensive as it is interesting. The pictures portray the Coronations of English Sovereigns from the time of Alfred the Great until the present day. The artists who have contributed to this section of the work are all eminent in their profession, and it is only necessary to mention their names to assure the reader of the excellence of their productions. The chief artistic contributors are R. Caton Woodville, A. Forestier, S. Begg, T. Walter Wilson, R.I., G. Amato, Allan Stewart. Readers of The Illustrated London News are well acquainted with the skill of Messrs. Begg and Amato in illustrating State ceremonials, and with the power of Mr. Caton Woodville's pencil over military spectacle, ancient and modern. Mr. Walter Wilson has made the accessories of regal



THE FIRST PAGE OF THE TEXT: BORDER DESIGN OF THE KING'S REGALIA.

pageantry his own, while Mr. Forestier's minute antiquarian knowledge and accomplished draughts-manship have lent to the Number many admirable reconstructions of the Tudor and Stuart periods. The period of Henry V. finds an able exponent in Mr. Allan Stewart.

The illustrations do not present a mere monotony of Coronation ceremonial, but are pleasantly varied by legends and historical anecdotes bearing on the crowning of British Sovereigns. For example, there is a picture of the letting go (catch them' that 'catch. might) of 500 great horses at the Coronation of Edward I. by the King of Scots. Another most amusing incident comes down to us from the time of Edward VI. That youthful monarch halted his Coronation procession in St. Paul's Churchyard to watch the performance of an Arragonese rope-dancer, who "played many pretty toys" on a cable stretched from St. Paul's steeple to the gate of the Dean's house. The legend of the Coronation Ring, of Westminster Abbey, of the Coronation Stone, and the Coronation Oil are also recounted in picture and story, and likewise the most notable incidents in the history of the English Regalia.

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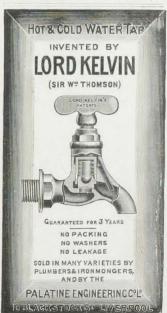
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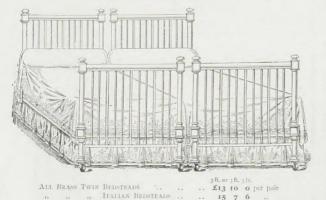




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